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SPECIAL FRIENDS. Shassa Menton, 10, and her "big sister," Arlene Soneson, go over a little homework.

New school-based mentor program establishes Big Brothers/Sisters in schools

Beach is site of two pilot project schools

By CLAUDIA PINTO

Sun Intern

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of South Hampton Roads has been selected by the cities of Virginia Beach, and Norfolk to create a school-based mentoring program for Seaford Elementary School, Landstown and Plaza middle schools in Virginia Beach and Monroe Elementary School and Ruffner Middle School in Norfolk.

Johanna Coleman, school-based mentoring program coordinator for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, has been working hard since August to get the project in motion. Her first match was Dec. 14.

Currently, there are 27 big brothers and big sisters paired with students throughout the five schools. Twenty-nine more will be linked by the end of February, making the total 56.

Within the last 12 years, Big Brothers/Big Sisters has formed more than such programs along the East Coast. All of which have proven to be very effective.

"Kids need a perspective of norms and behavior. Mentors can provide this. I always tell the volunteers that just showing up is 50 percent of your job," said Coleman.

The five schools were chosen in accordance with a number of factors, including low test scores, high crime rates and a high percentage of children on the free lunch program.

This program is meant to target children who are underachieving in two or more classes. Teachers recommend students they feel are at

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Courthouse Baptist keeping hope alive despite adversities



DETERMINATION DESPITE ADVERSITY. John T. Gates, left, and Pastor Les Smith are planning a benefit dinner with Dr. Jerry Falwell as guest speaker to help Courthouse Baptist Church make its mortgage.

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Amphitheater project set to open on schedule

By M.J. KNOBLOCK

Sun Correspondent

Mark Warner knows every nook and cranny of the "almost-a-road" to the new Virginia Beach amphitheater.

He can point out each portion of the 20,000-plus seat complex, tell you what it will be, exactly what stage of construction it is under and when it will be complete.

Warner says that the steel structure in the midst of mud is scheduled to open in March, despite its share of setbacks and glitches.

He should know. He is the head of this project for the Virginia Beach Department of Economic Development, and he has been out to the site nearly every day in the past year.

"I'm really excited about it," said Warner. "I think when it's complete it will be the nicest amphitheater in the country."

The joint venture between the city and Cellar Door Productions has come a long way.

"The site was just a flat soybean field when we started," he noted. "It's not that anymore. We've moved 600,000 yards of dirt and the top of the berm is about 50 feet high. We've built 40 acres of lakes."

Right now, the project is about two weeks behind schedule due to the weather, but that doesn't bother Warner too much.

Delivery of some of the steel for the structure was delayed due to excessive snowfall in Northern Virginia last month.

"One of the primary contractors is in Maryland and they could not haul the steel down here because of the roads, but through additional man power and through some extraordinary efforts, we hope to bring it back on schedule and we're all praying for a dry spring," he said with a grin.

Weather is the only reason it's behind.

In the early stages of construction, the site was vandalized.

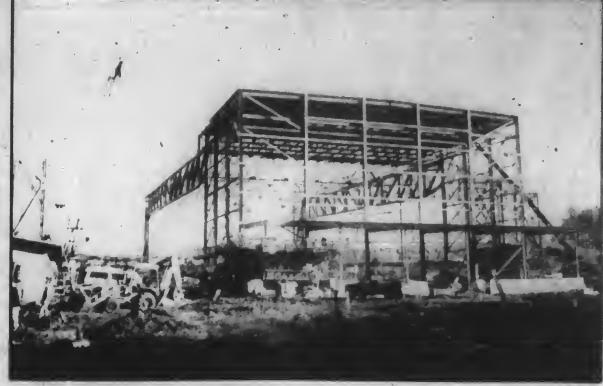
"They did some damage to the contractor's equipment and did approximately \$8,000 damage to the facility itself," said Warner. The cost was covered under an insurance policy.

"It did not have any impact on our schedule. We had planned on having security, but not that early," he added.

Now, the site is under guard during night hours to make sure that vandals do not strike again while driving down the dirt "road" at the site.

There are two main roads that will service the amphitheater. One of them is an extension of Landstown Road and a four-lane divided highway to serve as the entrance.

from ground up



PHOTOS BY M.J. KNOBLOCK
ACOUSTICALLY PERFECT. The new Virginia Beach amphitheater, currently under construction, will host musical entertainment such as Jimmy Buffett, Garth Brooks, Whitney Houston, Elton John, the Virginia Symphony Pops and a host of others.

"The site was just a flat soybean field when we started. It's not that anymore."

Mark Warner,
Virginia Beach Department
of Economic Development

The other, adjacent to Princess Anne Park, is a new road with access from Princess Anne Road.

"It's yet to be named," said Warner. "We're still flirting with names like Amphitheater Drive and Concert Way."

Both roads are "well ahead of schedule" and should be completed by March.

Looking at the site, Warner reeled off the various stages of completeness: lights are up in the parking lot; the south parking lot is done, and only needs bumper blocks; the entrance road will be complete with one more coat of asphalt; and the roof to the structure was completed last week.

Wool grass, yellow water Iris and a few trees have been planted in the lakes.

In addition, the box office area is done. It has carpeting and heat. The restrooms and the concession buildings are roofed. Plumbing is nearly finished.

The next step is to pour the concrete for the structure itself, followed by seeding and landscaping.

"It's been a fun job to work on and you've got to enjoy it because we've got to work so fast," said Warner. "We've had to spend \$17.5 million dollars in about seven or eight months, so a lot of work has to get done every day."

Warner said one thing that has been tricky in the rapid construction is to have several different crews working on various aspects at the same time.

They must be scheduled so that



PHOTOS BY M.J. KNOBLOCK
MAKING PROGRESS. Mark Warner, head of the project for the Virginia Beach Department of Economic Development, looks over the sight of the new amphitheater. Although it is currently about two weeks behind schedule due to the weather, Warner says time will be made up and it will be completed by March.

"they don't trip over each other" or hinder each other's progress.

A prime example is that they are waiting for some of the work outside one building to be finished so it too can be carpeted. Otherwise, dirt and mud would be tracked through, ruining the new carpets.

"There's a lot of activity going on, a lot of work has been done," Warner noted. "There's still a lot of work to do, but we're making progress."

The site is not clearly visible to daily traffic, which Warner described as "tucked in against the trees."

"People still don't know it's there," he smiled. "People ask me every day, 'what's going on with the amphitheater?' I think it's going to be a surprise to people when we actually open, because they haven't seen it."

"It's been a long process," added Warner. "It's great to see it come to

fruition. We looked at about 30 sites, but what it came down to, is this was the only site that would really work."

The projected attendance for the first year is 400,000 people, with approximately \$1 million in revenue to the city annually. Virginia Beach expects its construction investment to be paid back in five to seven years. It is expected to present 200 full-time and part-time jobs.

The opening night performance and the first "big name" act are still "a secret" to be revealed in the near future.

Cellar Door Productions will handle all the booking for the new complex. Warner and Bill Reid, president of Cellar Door Productions of Virginia, have been working on this project for four

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Slates Jerry Falwell dinner as fund raiser

By VICTORIA HECHT

Sun Editor

You might call this the story about "The Little Church That Could."

Like "The Little Engine That Could" of your childhood reading days, Courthouse Baptist Church has chugged...and...chugged...and chugged some more toward its destination: the dream of one day having a building of its own for services.

For the past two years, the small congregation has been meeting in the garage of an old house on Princess Anne Road near the city's municipal complex. Already the church has purchased the garage on which several pre-fab buildings sit, where they had hoped to hold services until a real structure could be built.

But the buck stops there — literally.

With their credit stretched to the limit, Courthouse Baptist lacks the funds to meet city code requirements: a right-hand turn

lane, fire hydrant, dry detention ponds, stormwater drains, wet detention ponds, landscaping, skirting around the pre-fab buildings, a pump station and forced main, water meter and parking lot. At least \$160,000 is needed to meet the requirements.

Consequently, the pre-fab buildings — on the site where members plan to build a reach church — sit vacant as services are held in the converted garage.

Pastor Les Smith and the congregation are diligently searching for a way to keep the dream alive, and they think they've found it: a benefit dinner March 19 at Grand Affairs with Dr. Jerry Falwell as guest speaker. While the dinner is free, faith contributions will be taken.

With Falwell as the draw, Courthouse Baptist hopes to raise \$300,000 from the event.

"We find ourselves between a rock and hard place," said Smith, flanked by his wife, Carolyn, and church member John T. Gates, who is lending a hand to the fund-

raising effort.

Things haven't always been this way for Courthouse Baptist, formerly Victory Baptist Church, when located in five acres at Indian Lakes Boulevard.

"Then the city put a road through the center of our property," Smith said, "and left us with 2.6 acres — not enough for expansion. In the meantime, another church approached us about whether we'd be interested in selling our building."

The other church remained insistent, so Smith prayed on the matter and brought it before the congregation. They then looked at 10 pieces of property for a new church, eight of which were near the city's municipal complex.

"Of course, I didn't know all the ramifications at the time," Smith said of the decision to relocate.

Courthouse Baptist agreed to buy the Princess Anne Road property as it went into foreclosure.

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Commentary

Get heart smart

This February, during the season of hearts and roses, give your Valentine a gift that will keep on giving for years to come: life.

Each February during American Heart Month, the American Heart Association launches a nationwide education campaign on cardiovascular disease. This year's message is "Don't die of embarrassment."

Why this intriguing theme? Because the typical heart attack victim waits at least one hour before seeking medical help. The reason? He or she is afraid to face the possibility of something as serious as a heart attack or stroke or does not want to risk the embarrassment of a "false alarm."

According to the American Heart Association Virginia Affiliate, some 250,000 people each year die of a heart attack within one hour of the onset of symptoms and before they reach the hospital. Many others who survive reduce their chances of full recovery and compromise their quality of life by waiting too long to get medical care.

Cardiovascular disease is the top cause of health and disability in America today. Each year 925,000 Americans die of it. Locally, there were 453 cardiovascular deaths in Chesapeake in 1993, comprising 38 percent of all deaths that year. In Norfolk, the number was 993, or 41 percent of all deaths. In Portsmouth, it was 470, or 40 percent of all deaths. And, in Virginia Beach, it was 752, or 38 percent of all deaths.

Last year alone, heart disease cost the nation an estimated \$137.7 billion in health care. Many lives are needlessly lost and impaired because people do not know the warning signs of heart attack and stroke and wait too long for treatment.

Knowing the warning signs can save your life. The symptoms of heart attack are uncomfortable pressure, fullness or squeezing pain in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes or goes away and comes back; pain that spreads to the shoulders, neck or arms; chest discomfort with lightheadedness; fainting; sweating; nausea; or, shortness of breath.

The warning signs of stroke are sudden weakness or numbness on one side of the body; loss of speech or trouble talking or understanding others; sudden dimness or loss of vision, particularly in one eye; sudden, severe headaches with no apparent cause; and, unexplained dizziness, unsteadiness or sudden falls, especially along with any of the other symptoms mentioned.

One way to get a handle on your own health is through periodic blood pressure screenings. The Tidewater Council of the American Heart Association Virginia Affiliate is offering several free HeartScore '96 activities throughout the month.

Beginning Feb. 5, sites and locations are:

- Virginia Beach General Cardiac Fitness Center, Feb. 5, 9:30-11:30 a.m.:

- TCC-Chesapeake Campus (student lounge/cafeteria), Feb. 5, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.:

- TCC-Chesapeake Campus (student lounge/cafeteria), Feb. 6, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.:

- Tower Mall (tentative), Feb. 6, 9-10 a.m.:

- Chesapeake Square Mall (center court), Feb. 6, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.:

- Obici Hospital (front lobby), Feb. 6, 8:30 a.m.-noon;

- Virginia Beach General Cardiac Fitness Center, Feb. 8, 4:30-6 p.m.:

- Lake Taylor Hospital (residence lobby), Feb. 8, noon-6:30 p.m.:

- Virginia Beach General Cardiac Fitness Center, Feb. 9, 6:30 a.m.-9 a.m.:

- Lady's Workout Express (Cypress Point Shopping Center), Feb. 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; and,

- Hannafords (Independence and Virginia Beach Boulevard), Feb. 8-18, various times.

Volunteers at HeartScore '96 events will provide not only blood pressure screenings, but lectures, seminars and healthy meal demonstrations. Call the American Heart Association at 671-8636 for more information. And remember, get heart smart!

The Virginia Beach Sun Deadlines

News deadlines for The Virginia Beach Sun are Monday at 5 p.m. for the upcoming Friday's issue.

✓ Articles must be legible, preferably typed, double-spaced on standard-sized paper.

✓ Pictures must be sharp, clear and accompanied with complete information.

✓ News may be brought or mailed in and should include the name and telephone numbers of the person submitting it.

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✓ All letters must carry the name and address of writer for verification.

✓ Letters should be addressed to: Editor, The Virginia Beach Sun, 138 South Rosemont Road, Suite 209, Virginia Beach, Va. 23452. Phone: 486-3430.

Mother Earth — and Congressman Sisisky — offer their thanks

Editor:

Recently, I've read newspaper articles commending the members of the Elizabeth River Project for their efforts to restore the environmental health of the Elizabeth River. I'm glad to see the Elizabeth River Project receiving the attention and praise it deserves.

The Elizabeth River Project grew out of meetings between a few local residents four years ago. Those initial members enlisted community leaders and many others — from environmental groups to shippers to the local universities — to study the environmental risks facing the river and devise ways to address the problem. From its inception as a grass roots organization of just four members, the Elizabeth River Project now includes a 120-member Watershed Action Team representing citizen groups, business, government and science.

It should serve as a prototype for other communities trying to find answers to complex problems and to build a consensus around solutions. It's not often that so many diverse interests, in this case residents of four different cities, can unite behind a common goal. The people of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach realize what an important economic artery the Elizabeth River has become. Our area's future — sink or swim — depends on maintaining the viability of this and all our waterways.

I'm proud to be a part of the Elizabeth River Clean up effort. A good friend of mine, Roland Culpepper of Chesapeake, first brought it to my attention a few years ago. Roland is a civilian employee of the Army Corps of Engineers for the Norfolk District. I've found his diligence on behalf of the Hampton Roads community typical of our civil servants who live and work in our area.

As a result of those early discussions, I worked closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to have Congress authorize the funds necessary to perform an environmental study. Last fall, I was able

to secure funding for the project through the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in the House of Representatives. Those funds will enable the Army Corps of Engineers to build on the good work the Elizabeth River Project's team has already done. I intend to continue my work with the project as a member of the Leadership Review Board.

Improving our water quality today is especially important considering the expansion this area is projected to undergo in the future. Hampton Roads is already the fastest growing part of the state. The city of Suffolk is projected to be the next sector to expand. That's why when the Army Corps of Engineers came to me for help on another project; I wanted to improve the Nansemond River Basin in Suffolk, I was glad to respond.

The Nansemond project will provide a comprehensive watershed planning and management plan for the Nansemond River Basin. From this study, the Army Corps hopes to find answers to the interrelated problems of water conservation, water control, water resources development, wetland protection and environmental restoration. It's another step toward improving our waterways throughout Hampton Roads and planning together for the future of our area.

Thanks to the Navy and the Virginia Port Authority, Hampton Roads is a major metropolitan area and one of the most active ports on the East Coast. Preserving and improving our waterways helps the value of our real estate and redevelopment efforts, and recognizes the long-term economic, recreational, health and safety needs of this growing area. I am glad to be of assistance in these worthwhile endeavors, and my door remains open to talk those with ideas that will benefit the quality of life of our families.

Norman Sisisky
Member of Congress
4th District

Senate gets religion on committee assignments

Who sits on which committee in the General Assembly is of scant interest to the public. But it's much on the minds of legislators and those who follow closely in their wake. It can also have a material impact on policy.

When a delegate or senator arrives in Richmond for the first time, the leadership generally has some advance word on his or her capacity to make a mark. New members may also have "helpers" in the form of senior party leaders, or influential people who can be enlisted to make a call or two in their behalf. This may make the difference between a seat on Appropriations and one on Agriculture.

How well they do that first term will certainly make a difference when they come back for a second helping. A convivial member who is conspicuous for diligence stands to gain better committees. Unless, that is, he is a member of the minority party who gets under the skin of the majority; in which case he is likely to go skunked.

To give you an idea of what's at stake, the Courts of Justice Committee will handle ten times as many bills as Militia and Police, plus a coveted role in deciding the fitness of judges, a chore that lawyer-members cherish. If you can exert influence on more

bills, especially the budget, you are well placed to advance your own legislative agenda and perhaps get an extra slice of pork for the homefolks. Theoretically, this makes you stronger at the polls, harder to defeat. But most of all, it makes you feel better, more important, a corner rather than a laggard.

The race rush that falls on the House and Senate when committees are announced takes you back to school days when report cards are being handed out. And it amounts to much the same thing: who's being promoted; who's being held back.

The power of the Speaker of the House rests largely on his immemorial prerogative of making committee assignments. But it is hardly an absolute power.

That was the scene in Richmond as the 1996 assembly got down to business, unchanged in the House where the Democrats' narrow majority held and preserved the status quo; profoundly changed in the evenly divided Senate.

The power of the Speaker of the House rests largely on his immemorial prerogative of making committee assignments. But it is hardly an absolute power. Until Speaker Tom Moss violated it the other day, there

was an unwritten rule that no member of a committee could be removed without his consent. As the recognized leader of the majority party — and dependent upon its votes for his own post — a speaker must consult (and satisfy as best he can) seasoned veterans and rising stars.

While it didn't happen this year according to Minority Leader Vance Wilkins, past speakers have consulted with Republican floor leaders. That is, a speaker might indicate one or more openings for a Republican on a committee and ask the GOP leader for advice on who should be promoted. This assumes, of course, the minority leader is in good odor with the majority, which Wilkins manifestly is not, as signified by his unprecedented removal from the Rules Committee.

Though Rules is not a particularly important committee, places on it are traditionally reserved for those who have made their way into the House leadership. As the elected leader of 47 delegates, representing a party that received a majority of all votes cast in the last election, Wilkins had earned his place and should have retained it.

Moss has certainly established ample precedent for retaliation in the event Republicans win a majority in the House and must expect it. The scope of the speaker's power of can be seen in the fact Republicans were entitled to 10 seats on all major committees but got only four on Appropriations and seven each on Finance, Corporations, and Courts of Justice. Less important committees were fairly allocated.

In view of the closely divided House in the past two elections, Democrats might have been better advised to anticipate the day when

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Surviving the not-so-Super Bowl

Oh, the plight of we poor women! Forever to suffer at the hands of frenzied football fanatics! (OK, make that some women; I know there are a few female football fans out there, too.)

On Sunday night, as Dallas and Pittsburgh were deep in the throes of rivalry on the turf, I was enjoying a serene evening at home with just the dog and cat. With Evan at a mini-Super Bowl party, I had the house all to myself for a little soli-

to my luck, there was absolutely nothing on television worth watching! I flipped by Drew Barrymore playing Joey Buttafuoco's personal "Long Island Lolita" a few times before surmising that this must be a plot of all the TV network leaders.

The one night when the men are at Super Bowl-a-thons and the ladies actually get the remote control... and what happens? Yep, not a thing worth watching on the tube. My victory — control of the clicker — was an empty one as I cruised past "Airheads" on HBO and reruns of "America's Favorite Home Videos."

Drat! Foiled again!

I pulled out a few catalogs determined to make something of my night; if not by TV watching, then by shopping by phone. Then little voice, Evan's, went off in my head warning me not to charge up the credit cards. Nominally, I'd ignore it. But knowing we've got a new car out in the driveway to pay off, I heeded the voice.

Foiled again!

I entertained the thought of doing some crafts, but dismissed the idea because I didn't want to clean up the mess it would create. I knew I had really hit rock bottom when, bored, I decided to get a few household chores accomplished.

First I did some laundry. Then I folded the laundry. Then I washed some dishes. Then I tidied the com-

puter room. Then I... well, you get the picture. Doing housework when I didn't have to? I must have been desperate.

With the house clean, it was only 8:15 p.m., and I wasn't ready to hit the sack. Grudgingly, I pulled out stationery and pen and caught up with my correspondence. I'll tell you, it was a real "red letter night," no pun intended. By 9:45 p.m., I'd chucked out four letters, one of which was six pages long, and was ready to get some sleep. Heck, there was nothing else to do, right?

Of course, that's when Evan came pulling into the driveway ready to celebrate. Flushed from the Cowboys' 27-17 victory, he asked why I was already in bed and suggested we watch a little TV!

"Don't you want to watch the Friends' one-hour special coming on?" he asked.

Finally, something worthwhile — and I hadn't even known it was coming on!

Sleepily, I sat up and kept my eyes open for the first 30 minutes. As I drifted off to sleep, I noticed that Evan had a firm grasp on the remote, as usual.

So much for special Super Bowl Sunday. Oh well, guess I'll get my chance at the remote again next January. Hey, it's something to live for, right?

Weather the bad storm, Dr. Duane, and hang in there

They sent him up on the roof, where he almost drowned in the rain. Then they sent him back up so that he almost froze. That didn't work, so they abruptly dismissed him.

That's what WTKR-TV did to meteorologist Dr. Duane Harding. Elder Hale, president and general manager at WTKR, said "Duane was not abruptly dismissed."

Harding has a different version. He said, "I was fired."

I haven't seen such a flood of faxes, letters to the editor and phone calls since I wrote a tasteless article about a seagull some years ago. It is refreshing to see that there are still some in this country who recognize professionalism over mediocrity. Not only was Harding an outstanding weather forecaster, he was a civic-minded gentleman all ages could respect and look up to.

Sadly, I have noticed that not only local TV stations, but the national networks as well, have gone into the comedy business where weather reports are concerned. When they get through giggling, wisecracking and pronouncing their own agendas, it's hard to tell what the forecast really is.

That buffoon Willard Scott, is a good example. So with Dr. Duane, he took his job seriously — and it is shameful the way he is now being treated at this stage of his career. I suspect that there is more to it than meets the eye.

Let's face it: Dr. Duane is not a spring chicken, and big corporations start to look for ways to "make talent changes" when an employee reaches a certain age or when pension time becomes a consideration.

If I felt that WTKR had accomplished a great deal when they acquired Dr. Duane and Jane Gardner some time ago, because of them, I watched WTKR a lot. In addition to canned Dr. Duane, I am not too happy with the way they are utilizing Jane Gardner. She is, in my opinion, the top woman anchor of all three stations with Cynthia Linn of WVEC running a close second.

Gardner is a class act and has been for years. I hope they don't decide to go in a "different direction" as far as she is concerned. I suspect that by now both News Director Barbara Hamm and Hale realize they have "stepped in it" in the firing of Dr. Duane. I doubt there will be any more "talent changes" any time in the near future.

I don't know what Dr. Duane's place is for the future. I hope he can find a company that will appreciate his talents and treat him with the respect he so justly deserves.

As for me and my house, will watch the news on WTKR when Gardner is on. After that, it's over to WVEC TV-13.

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Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

False Cape remains largely an undiscovered treasure

Last week we explored one of Virginia Beach's best known natural treasures, First Landing/Seashore State Park and Natural Area.

Located on the Chesapeake Bay in Northern Virginia Beach, this is the most popular state park in Virginia with one million visitors a year. Not

only is First Landing/g/ Seashore a major tourist attraction, it also provides residents of Virginia Beach with countless hours of relaxation, exhilaration and inspiration as they hike, jog or bicycle through the park's unique natural area.

This week we head south to explore Virginia Beach's other jewel in the state park system, False Cape. Like First Landing/Seashore, False Cape State Park provides access to a truly unique natural habitat. However, False Cape willingly finds itself at the opposite end of the spectrum where park attendance is concerned. This barrier spit park's annual attendance of 20,000 makes it the least visited state park in Virginia. This is definitely not a park for everybody.

"Obviously, the lack of vehicular access is a major reason for the low attendance," says False Cape Chief Ranger J.P. Cordill. "But that's really only part of the story. This is a very fragile ecosystem. Peaces of that we have very limited facilities."

Access to False Cape State Park is limited to hiking or bicycling through Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge, park-arranged vehicular access primarily for education groups, or boating across Back Bay. From now through the end of February, hiking or bicycling access to the park is via the refuge's beach only. State and federal government officials are still working to reach a long term agreement on access through the refuge to the state park.

Also, during this time of restricted access through the refuge, a limited shuttle system is being provided into False Cape State Park. Shuttles run Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, and Saturday and Sunday mornings. There is a \$4 per round trip

The park's interpretive staff also provide day visitors with guided hikes, canoe tours of Back Bay, special night hikes and other interpretive opportunities.

Whether it's False Cape with its live oak, feral pigs and ocean beaches or First Landing/Seashore and its bald cypress, Spanish moss and sunsets over the Chesapeake, Virginia Beach's two state parks provide our resident sand guests the opportunity to explore and marvel at this area's wealth and diversity of natural beauty.

Gary Waugh, public relations manager for the Division of Volunteerism and Constituency Programs, contributed to this column.

Beach workshop explores 'America's Youth in Crisis'

America's Youth in Crisis Workshop will explore the crisis that confronts our nation's future — our children. Everyone concerned about youth is invited to be a part of this exciting workshop. Participants will learn how communities can and must work together to address issues threatening youth today.

The workshop will be Friday, March 15 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Ramada Plaza Resort at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront at 57th Street. Dr. Richard Lerner, director of the Institute for the Human Development and Families at Michigan State University, will present the keynote address. Jim Barthel, associate professor of youth

development with University of Wisconsin Extension, will facilitate the development of local plans of action for youths.

The registration fee of \$30 (before March 1) includes breaks, lunch and a copy of Lerner's most recent book, "America's Youth in Crisis: Challenges and Options for Programs and Policies." The workshop is sponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension, National 4-H Council and Strengthening Our Capacity To Care Project (supported by the Dewitt Wallace/Reader's Digest Fund).

For more information and registration information, contact the Chesapeake Extension Office at 547-6444.

Senate gets religion on committee assignments

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the majority will pass to the GOP. They could have protected themselves by amending the rules to allocate committee seats in proportion to a party's share of the whole House, and by granting the minority leadership the same privilege it enjoys in the Congress and in many other state legislatures. That is, to choose from its own ranks those who will occupy minority seats on all committees.

It is a sound principle of politics that members of a legislative majority should not be dependent upon the favor of the majority for preference.

That is exactly what Republicans won in the Senate and it's a precedent that will likely endure. Because of defections led by Sen. Virgil Goode, D-Franklin County, Democrats were compelled to accept a fair sharing of seats on all committees. They also relinquished their historic control of all committee assignments. Now, once a division of seats between the committee of conference that finally settles the differences between the House and Senate on the budget.

Republicans will also chair four of the Senate's 11 committees. In an

odd twist, a Democrat will chair Commerce and Labor while Republicans hold a majority of the seats. And the reverse on Education and Health: a Republican chairman and a Democratic majority. In an even odder twist, Sen. John Chichester, R-Stafford, and Sen. Stanley Walker, D-Norfolk, will co-chair the powerful committee on Finance.

But Chichester and Walker are the soul of inflexibility and may be expected to get along famously. It was Chichester who took the lead in negotiating with Goode to arrive at the power-sharing arrangement. He paid the Franklin County Democrats a great tribute, telling me that from first to last Goode seemed animated solely by the desire for fairness and comity, willing to sacrifice even his own chairmanship of Local Government in the process. Goode did win a promise of a coveted seat on the committee of conference that finally settles the differences between the House and Senate on the budget.

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Up close and personal

Joanne Waldecker: Uniting Christian hearts

By VICTORIA HECHT

Sun Editor

With Cupid set to point his arrows in just under two weeks, Joanne Waldecker is one busy lady.

Founder and owner of Virginia Beach's Equally Yoked, an introduction service for Christian singles, Waldecker is busy coordinating a Valentine extravaganza where more than a few hearts will hopefully make that special connection. Proceeds from the dance — with music by Endless Love — will benefit CBN's Operation Blessing outreach ministry.

Yet amid the planning, Waldecker is a vision of serenity even though the phone is continually ringing at her Indian River Road office. The building is decorated in pretty pastel colors with framed portraits of love stories that made it to the altar.

Since Equally Yoked opened in July, one marriage and two engagements have already resulted from its introduction services. There are 243 members in the organization.

Waldecker first learned of Equally Yoked, a franchisee, while watching "The 700 Club." Formerly an award-winning Century 21 salesperson, she was searching for the direction in which life would take her next. Equally Yoked made an immediate impact.

"I was sitting there watching the show and thought, 'This is really wild! Are you sure this is what's for me?'" Waldecker said, remembering that she trusted what the Lord was telling her heart.

Living in Florida at the time of the telecast, Waldecker had just returned to the United States from the Caribbean, where she had been living. She knew another move was in store — this time to Hampton Roads because "the need was here."

Waldecker would never have envisioned herself running a Christian introduction service before "The 700 Club" telecast.

"It wasn't until seven years ago that I became a Christian," she explained. "I was very much the entrepreneur and had several businesses."

Most recently, she had been running a resort in St. Maarten for six years.

"I really did not want to go anywhere where there was cold weather," said Waldecker, who said she expected to manage resorts in warm-weather locales until retirement.

But God had different plans. She insists that He, not she, is the "matchmaker," and that she "had to let go and let Him lead me."

Smiling, she added, "I'm just the business person. We're a vehicle for God."

Waldecker quickly noted that they are not simply a computer dating service.

"That term tends to leave a bad taste in people's mouths," she said.

Waldecker described the people with whom Equally Yoked works. For starters, they're Christians. Many are ready to get married, but haven't found that special someone. Sometimes there are obstacles to meeting other Christian singles, such as one's church is so small or there simply isn't a lot of time. Those who come to Equally Yoked don't want to opt for the traditional "worldly" methods of meeting other singles, such as the bar scene.

"The nice thing is you're working with Christians, and I wanted to be helping others," Waldecker said. "Like I say, He prepares you for each stage of your life (referring to her own past marriages) — even if you don't know why, I was at the point in my life where if He'd said, 'Sell everything you own and move to the jungle,' then I would have."

To offer a better understanding of Equally Yoked, Waldecker gave a quick tour through the building.

It all starts in the video room, where new clients are seated on a couch to film a five-minute introduction. Encouraged to smile, laugh and act natural, they are asked such questions as "How did you come to know the Lord?" "Are you involved with your church?" and "What qualities are you looking for in a man/woman?"

Videos are stored in the facility's library for other clients to view. Also in the library, or "shopping mall" as female clients like to call it, are scrapbooks with profiles of each client. Clients are encouraged to share



photos of themselves and other souvenirs, such as theater tickets, which indicate their interests. When clients peruse the scrapbooks and find someone they would like to meet, they fill out invitations.

The chosen ones get the invitations on the next visit. They can accept the invitation, or decline it if they don't think it's a good match. The choice is up to the individual. So far, Waldecker said, the system seems to be working well.

The spiritual foundation of Equally Yoked lies in the scripture of II Corinthians 6:14, which reads, "Be ye not unequally yoked with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?"

Equally Yoked's Valentine Extravaganza is set for Saturday, Feb. 10 beginning at 8 p.m. at The Founders Inn. Open to all Christian singles, tickets are \$10 and will benefit Operation Blessing. Attire is dressy, but not formal. For more information and ticket reservations, call 523-5200.

Namé: Joanne Waldecker.

What brought you to this area: God's direction.

Hometown: Milford, Del.

Birthdate: Nov. 11, 1942.

Nickname: None.

Occupation: Owner/manager of Equally Yoked.

Marital Status: Divorced.

Children: One son Wayne Morgan, 32, who is in sales.

Favorite movies: "Forrest Gump" and "It's a Wonderful Life."

Magazines I regularly read: Christian Singles and Charisma.

Favorite authors: Matthew, Mark

and Luke.

Favorite night out on the town: Dinner with a friend, concerts and plays.

Favorite restaurant: La Bec Fin in St. Maarten.

Favorite meal and beverage: A turkey dinner and iced coffee

What most people don't know about me: My sensitivity.

Best thing about myself: Personality, sincerity and dedication.

Worst habit: Watching too much television.

Pets: None.

Hobbies: Tennis and golf.

Ideal vacation: Health spa.

Pet peeve: People who do not listen to others who complain. People who blame everyone and everything for their circumstances.

First job: Shoe sales.

Worst job: Never had a bad job.

Favorite sports team: Washington Redskins.

Favorite musician: Kenny G.

I would like my epitaph to read: "She loved the Lord and cared about everyone."

If I received \$1 million: I would probably give \$900,000 away, invest \$50,000 and spend \$50,000 on me.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I did! I was on "The 700 Club."

Firefighters take stand for child safety

The Virginia Beach Fire Department is urging families to participate in this year's National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week by making sure all children properly secured in a child safety seat or safety belt when riding in a motor vehicle.

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Saturday, Feb. 17 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. The stations are #2, Haygood Road; Station #3, Central Drive (near Lillian Vernon); Station #8, Great Neck; and, Station #9, Kempsville. On a regular basis all five stations provide free safety seat checks, however, on this day, a few giveaways of T-shirts and locking clips will be available at the four designated stations.

Trained inspectors will check for manufacturers' recall of safety seats; determine if the safety seat is compatible with the safety belt system in a vehicle; how to use a locking clip if their safety belt requires one; and show parents how to make the safety seat fit tight.

During daytime hours, the Virginia Beach firefighters will inspect and educate parents on child safety seats at four fire stations. This past year the department has assisted more than 100 parents to learn how to properly install their child's safety seat. In December 1995, CCATS — Concerned Citizens Advocating Traffic Safety — awarded the

Virginia Beach Fire Department and their co-sponsor the John T. Hanna Traffic Safety Award for their work in providing this free service to our community.

Polar Plungers hit the waves!

Hundreds of brave souls are expected to take the plunge into chilly Atlantic waters on Saturday, Feb. 3 to benefit Virginia Special Olympics. This fund raiser, which has raised more than \$60,000 in the past, will be held on the water's edge of the Clarion Resort and Conference Center, WNR FM99, WTKR News Channel 3 and The Virginian-Pilot. Spectators are welcome. Be invigorated as never before — individually or as a team of friends, family or co-workers.

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THE ARTS

ART BRIEFS

In keeping with the season, Mardi Gras Magic, a benefit for St. Mary's Infant Home, will be held from 7:30 - 10 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Virginia Beach Center for the Arts.

Mardi Gras goers will enjoy music by the R&B Allstars and the Anchant Lizardz, festive New Orleans cuisine and bountiful beverages. In keeping with the theme, palm and Tarot card reading will be offered. Costumes are optional.

The cost is \$30 per person. For tickets, contact Angi Barber at 491-1985 or Bill Jolly at St. Mary's at 622-2208.

St. Mary's Infant Home is the regional provider of long-term residential health care services to severely disabled children. Located in Norfolk, the Infant Home serves 88 children who cannot walk, cannot talk and who need around-the-clock nursing and medical care that is available only in this non-profit, nonsectarian health care facility.

For more information on the Infant Home, call 622-2208.

The Portsmouth chapter of The Links Inc. will present an art exhibition, "A Salute to African-American Artists," from Feb. 4 - March 3 at The Art Atrium, located at 629 High St. in Portsmouth.

For more information, call Robert Floyd at 393-1213.

The Links Inc. are committed to presenting and preserving the arts of the African-American experience through some of Hampton Roads' finest visual artists.

The members of the Southeastern Virginia Arts Association (SEVA) and the 1996 Conference Committee are looking for presenters to participate in the second annual Afr'Am Festival Conference to be held Friday, May 24. The theme this year is "The Power Within, People Helping People."

Presenters are needed for the following categories: economics, law and justice, religion, health, education, family issues, recreation, art and culture, personal development and politics.

For an application or more information, contact Lankford Blair at 393-5382. Or write to Afr'Am Fest '96, P.O. Box 366, Norfolk, VA, 23501, Attn: Lankford Blair.

All application requests must be received by Friday, Feb. 16.

The Norfolk State University Department of Music will present the department's fifth gala concert in honor of Noah Francis Ryder 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 6 in the Mills E. Godwin Jr. Student Center Ballroom on the university campus.

The concert is jointly sponsored by the music department, the NSU Music Alumni and the South Eastern Virginia Arts Association (SEVA). It will feature five music groups affiliated with the university such as, The NSU Jazz Band, Concert choir, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, University/Community Orchestral Consortium and the University Music Alumni Vocal Ensemble.

A \$10 admission fee will be required. Students will be admitted free with identification cards. Funds from the concert will benefit the NSU Music Department.

For additional information, call 683-8025 or 83-84.



Courtesy Photo

Check it out!

Legacy of Weyanoke, an a cappella vocal ensemble specializing in songs and stories from the African Diaspora, African, South American, Caribbean and American South traditions, will perform this Friday at 8 p.m. at Virginia Wesleyan College's Monumental Chapel. The show is part of the college's observance of Black History Month.

Let's pig out for a good cause!

The Alzheimer's Association Hampton Roads Chapter will host its Fifth Annual Chocolate Sundae Gala and Silent Auction on Feb. 7 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Center for the Arts.

Proceeds from the Chocolate Sundae Gala go directly to local Alzheimer's support groups, education and respite care for the 17,000 individuals and their families who are affected by the disease.

The gala promises gourmet food, an elegant atmosphere, a silent auction, exciting door prizes and live music performed by Musica Initia.

Hampton Roads restaurants including Bobby Woods in Norfolk, Front Street in Suffolk, Bella

Monte in Virginia Beach, Smithfield Station in Smithfield, Rodmans in Portsmouth and the Gourmet Gang in Virginia Beach will serve special appetizers, entrees and desserts. Military chefs from Fort Story and NOB, Norfolk will prepare and serve sheet cakes to the 200 guests.

Hillhaven, Riverside and Sentara, major corporate sponsors of the Alzheimer's Association, will have display booths. Jill Maxwell, Mrs. Hampton Roads 1996, will be the mistress of ceremonies. Art work, fine jewelry and antique items have been donated by individuals and area businesses for the silent auction. A special appearance will be made by Acclaim Barbershop Quartet.

A portion of funding received will go to research. Newly-developed medicines are currently being tested for their potential to slow the progress of Alzheimer's and also to reduce symptoms.

"The Alzheimer's Association challenges people to imagine a world without Alzheimer's disease," said Gina Colombara, executive director of the Hampton Roads Chapter. "It's within reach and we invite everyone to join us in creating that world. Come to Chocolate Sundae Gala. It is a delicious way to get involved and make a difference."

Tickets are \$15 per person. For reservations, call the Alzheimer's Association at 459-2405.

Broadway sensation Bernadette Peters visits Norfolk's Chrysler Hall stage

Tony Award winner Bernadette Peters will visit Norfolk for two performances on Feb. 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. at Norfolk's Chrysler Hall as part of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra's Pops concert series.

The singing sensation has gone full circle in show business — Broadway, movies and television. Harvard's Hasty Pudding Club named her "Woman of the Year" for her "lasting and impressive contribution to the world of entertainment."

Peters has performed in more than 15 movies, had a television series created for her and recorded two albums. She starred on Broadway in "Song and Dance," "John No-Trump" and "Dames at Sea." Her movies include "The Longest Yard" with Burt Reynolds, "Silent Movie" with Mel Brooks, "The Jerk" with Steve Martin, "Annie" with Carol Burnett, "Pink Cadillac" with Clint Eastwood, and "Impromptu."

Tickets for the Virginia Symphony Pops range from \$17 to \$38. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Virginia Symphony

Ticket Store, located in the Plaza One Building, 550 East Main St., Suite 504, Norfolk, at 623-2310, at any Tidewater branch of First Virginia Bank, or by calling

TicketMaster at 671-8100. The Virginia Symphony Pops is presented by the Norfolk Southern Corporation.

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Lynnhaven Parish DAR celebrates 20 years

By LIL YOUNELL
Club Correspondent

In 1976, while the nation was celebrating its 200th birthday, a new chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was born in Virginia Beach. The Lynnhaven Parish Chapter received its birth certificate at the organizational meeting on Jan. 30 that year.

The site for this first meeting was an historic one. The new chapter met in the New Hampshire House, home of Adm. Richard Rumble, commandant of the Fifth Naval District, and his wife, Bernice Bleas Rumble, one of the charter members. This historic house is a replica of the home of John Langdon, Revolutionary patriot, signer of United States constitution, and president of the first U.S. Senate.

Special special guests included Rep. G. William Whitehurst, 2nd District Congressman and John Griffin, councilman representing the Lynnhaven Borough. President Gerald Ford sent a message, stating that "he commends you and your members for your efforts to preserve our legacy of freedom and to promote a deep devotion to the ideals upon which our country was founded."

The first chapter officers installed that day were: Organizing Regent Marguerite Wilson Gregory; Judith Kane Connors, vice regent; Grace Kelley (now Chapman), secretary; the late Margaret Barton, treasurer. Ann Dickey McCrary was the registrar, a position she holds currently.

Eight of the 26 charter members were present 20 years later on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 21, at the Water Oaks Condominium Club House to celebrate the chapter's birthday. Those charter members were Jean Tatem Bates, Grace Pannill Chapman, Judith Kane Connors, Marguerite Wilson Gregory, Ann Dickey McCrary, Leigh Ward St. Claire, Carolyn

Williams Scullion and Mary Ellen Tatem Williams.

Like proud parents, the new and old members, along with their guests, viewed the scrapbooks and records showing the chapter's growth and accomplishments. This data also reminded us of the origin of the chapter name.

Naming a baby is very important, and DAR chapters also choose names with care and with historical significance. In colonial times, the boundaries of the Lynnhaven Parish were first defined by the Assembly at Jamestown in 1642 and can be found in Henning's "Statutes At Large."

This called for "the parish of Linhaven to begin at the first creek shooting out of the Chesapeake Bay called the Little Creek including all branches of the said creek and thence extending to the head of the eastern branch of the Elizabeth River to a creek on the northward side of the said branch called Broad Creek."

In the case of Lynnhaven Parish, these boundary lines were later used when Princess Anne County was formed out of Lower Norfolk county in 1691. Princess Anne County became a part of the city of Virginia Beach on Jan. 1, 1963.

"Through these 20 years, our Lynnhaven Parish Chapter has carried out the three traditional goals of the National Society DAR by promoting civic education, preserving historic site and records, and encouraging patriotic endeavors," commented Regent Williams. "Perhaps we should write President Ford and tell him we are continuing to promote a deep devotion to the ideals upon which our country was founded."

Judith Kane Connors, editor of the newsletter, made arrangements for this event and also served on the refreshment committee with the current Regent Mary Ellen Williams and the Vice Regent Mary Wead Vose.



Photos by Carol Arnold

The dream lives on

Virginia Beach Mayor Meyera Oberndorf recently paused to recognize Jan. 15 at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day by signing a proclamation in honor of the slain civil rights leader. Present for the ceremony were Helen Shropshire, seated at left, chairman of the city's Human Rights Committee and Oberndorf. Standing: Gail Kosko, Cheryl Avery-Hargrove, Theresa Aylesworth, Mart Lopez, Bruce Andress, Beatrice Amberon, Tony Williams and Maile Wynn.



Jewish leaders discuss most pressing issues

Ruth Matar, a 20-year resident of Jerusalem and Efrat co-chairperson of Women for Israel's Tomorrow (Women in Green), will discuss what is going on in Israel and will convey incisive insights into the problem dividing Jews in Israel and the increasing dangers in the present situation on Thursday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Beth Chavim Synagogue in Virginia Beach.

Rabbi Israel Zoberman of Beth Chavim will be freshly returning from a 10-day trip to Israel, Jordan and Egypt. He will present his observations and impressions as to the course the Israeli government is taking on its road to peace. He will lead a forum of discussion on Oslo II and the Syrian Peace Negotiation.

Matar, an artist, lecturer and writer became increasingly concerned about the direction of the current negotiations and together with other women, grandmothers, mothers and daughters, secular and religious, formed a grass roots movement not affiliated with any political party.

In fact, she turned down an offer to run for political office feeling

that 100 percent of their energies should be devoted to lectures, writings, street theater, vigils and various methods of educating the Israeli electorate on what they believe is the consequences of abandoning the Golan for an illusory promise of peace as well as pandering to Arafat without requiring him to live up to his obligations under the Oslo accords.

She is visiting and working with Women in Green chapters in Toronto, Detroit, the metropolitan New York area, Teaneck and West Orange, N.J., Baltimore, the Washington area, Miami and Norfolk.

Zoberman was born in Kazakhstan, formerly part of the

Soviet Union, of Polish parents, who made their way to Israel in 1949 with their son Israel, just age 3.

After doing his active military service Rabbi Zoberman came to the United States and received a master's degree in Political Science from the University of Illinois. He was ordained as a reform rabbi, completing his studies at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1974.

For the past 13 years he has been the guiding spirit behind Beth Chavim. His parents reside in Haifa.

A reporter interviewing for the independent Israeli publication *Ma'ariv* described the Women in

Green as "the most authentic and popular movement to have arisen her over the past few years...This must be seen to be believed...They are well-dressed, well-read, articulate, liberal and love their children and look wonderful...The women's understanding of democracy is refreshing and enlightening...I have finally found an opponent I shall enjoy arguing with."

A highly-motivated, stimulating discussion will take place. The event is open to the entire community. There will be no admission charge and no appeal for funds. The evening will be devoted to understanding the current and alternative roads to peace.

Warm up with some 'Romance Between Covers'

The Virginia Beach Public Library invites you to experience "Romance Between the Covers," a celebration featuring 16 of Virginia's hottest published romance authors, at the Central Library on Feb. 10 - 11.

Saturday's activities begin at 9 a.m. with book signings and will include lively discussions, workshops, door prizes and more. Dr. Bill Ruehmann, associate professor of communications at Virginia Wesleyan College and columnist for the *Virginian-Pilot*, will present a critic's point of view at 10 a.m.

On Sunday, book signings will begin at 1 p.m. Kate McNulty of the Johnson and Wales University college of Culinary Arts will present the "Pleasures of Tea" at 2 p.m.

A "Romance Between the Covers" events are free and will be held at the Virginia Beach Central Library. Registration began Jan. 22.

'Litter Free' honoree lauded

The Virginia Beach Beautification "Litter Free Award" for January has been presented to Kenny Rogers Roasters Restaurant located at 515 Providence Rd. in the Kemberville section of Virginia Beach.

Receiving this plaque was John Weithas, restaurant owner/manager, at the regular January meeting of the Clean Community Commission. Making the presentation to Weithas at the meeting was Robert K. Dean, Virginia Beach City Councilman from the Princess Anne Borough, and chairman of the Organizations Committee of the Clean Community Commission.

The award is made at each bi-monthly meeting of the commission to a Virginia Beach business establishment which makes a special effort to keep its premises free of litter and attractive. The November bi-monthly award was made to the Aberdeen Barn restaurant on Northampton Boulevard.

Maurice Jackson is chairman of the Virginia Beach Clean Community Commission, and Ruby Arendondo is coordinator of all its projects and activities. The Clean Community Commission sponsors and coordinates more



CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY. John Weithas, left, owner/manager of the Kenny Rogers Roasters Restaurant on Providence Road, was presented the Virginia Beach Clean Community Litter Free Award by Robert K. Dean, Virginia Beach City Council member, at the January meeting of the Clean Community Commission.

than 200 city Adopt-A-Programs, Earth Day participation, Clean the Bay Day, litter-free awards, Environmental Awareness Month, storm drain stenciling program, litter education in schools, Virginia Beach Student

Environmental Commission, and Hampton Roads Environmental Green Breakfast on the first Saturday of every month. Call the Clean Community Commission at 427-4104 for more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! The Lynnhaven Parish Chapter DAR celebrated its 20th birthday recently during which time Regent Mary Ellen Tatem Williams, left, pinned a corsage on Marguerite Wilson Gregory, organizing regent.

Lace up your shoes for a 'Run for Independence'

Plan now to participate in the race of the year! The Annual Run for Independence will be held on Saturday, March 2. All proceeds will benefit Independence Middle School. It will begin at the Independence Middle School parking lot in the Bayside Borough of Virginia Beach. The flat course on asphalt starts at the school and circles through the Thoroughgood neighborhood.

Registration fee is \$8 for all races. (\$6 for I.M.S. students.) Enter three or more per family and the fee is \$5 each (pre-registration only). The fee will be \$12 for races for entries postmarked after Feb. 23. Mail entries to Monica Allard, c/o Independence Middle School, 1370 Dunstan La., Virginia Beach, Va., 23455. Make checks payable to Independence Middle School.

Time of registration on the day of the race will be from 8 - 9 a.m. in the school cafeteria. The 5K Run

will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the 1-Mile Run and 1-Mile Health Walk will begin at 10 a.m.

T-shirts are guaranteed to all participants who pre-register. 5K awards will go to the top three open male and female, and to the top three in each age group. Military team awards -- five-person teams, top three times count towards award. One-Mile awards go to top three male and female in each age group. Ribbons go to all Health Walk participants. There will also be many random prize drawings.

Age groups for the race are as follows:

1-Mile men and women: 5 and under, 6 - 8, 9 - 11, 12 - 14, 15 - 17, 18 and over. FiveK men and women: 1 - 12, 13 - 19, 20 - 24, 25 - 29, 30 - 34, 35 - 39, 40 - 44, 45 - 49, 50 - 54, 55 - 59, 60 and over.

Refreshments will be available after the race. For additional information contact Monica Allard, race director, at 460-7500.

The cost of registration on the day of the race will be from 8 - 9 a.m. in the school cafeteria. The 5K Run



YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, BABY. The amphitheater site has undergone many changes since December, when this photo was taken.

It's simply music to their ears

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They are planning shows that would never come to the area because there was not a large enough facility to entertain the crowds.

Artists such as Garth Brooks, Elton John, Whitney Houston and the Virginia Symphony Pops will perform in concert.

Jimmy Buffett, an artist known for playing "beach music," has agreed to perform at the new amphitheater as well.

"He does want to come," said Reid of Buffett. "But with 20,000 seats, we now have one of the biggest buildings in the county, in the state."

"We're no longer second fiddle to other places in the country — Philadelphia, New York, Boston,

Miami — we're right up there," Reid added.

He explained that there would be something for everybody.

"We look for the April to October season to have 30 to 40 shows and different kinds of things," Reid said. "The symphony's going to play there and a cross-section of some of the best entertainment."

"These amphitheaters are built structurally for music lovers. They're acoustically perfect. Their site lines are excellent. The atmosphere and ambiance are wonderful."

"People will want to come because it's such a wonderful place to go. They'll be able to hear their favorite performer perfectly in a soft breeze."

Warner described the new facility

as strategic stop in the route of musical performers.

"We kind of fill a void now, because there's one (an amphitheater) in northern Virginia and one in Raleigh and we're a natural stop in the middle," he said.

Warner noted that the opening season will also benefit from the Olympics held in Atlanta.

"All the major acts will be going on tour to Atlanta, and we'll be a great stop along the way," Warner said. "A lot of them will probably be stopping in Virginia Beach either on their way from or on their way to Atlanta."

He also said it will "help put Virginia Beach on the map."

"I think it's going to be a tremendous focal point for the community to rally around and to be proud of," said Warner.

Writer weaves 'Threads' for charity

By M.J. KNOBLOCK

Sun Correspondent

It all started about four years ago when Abbie Korman was home with her newborn son Adam. She didn't know at the time that it would develop into a "unique collaborative effort among five local women."

But that is exactly what happened.

"Threads," a series of monologues, by Korman will be presented by the Virginia Beach Center for the Arts on Sunday, March 3 at 2 p.m. It will benefit the Virginia Beach Court Appointed Special Advocate Program and mark the closing of the portrait exhibition "The Art of Work: The Work of Art."

The play, which Korman wrote in pieces over a period of a few years, is a monologue of six different women beginning with the words of an 8-year-old girl and ending with those of a 70-year-old woman.

When Korman was home with Adam, she decided to take a theater course through Old Dominion University.

The final assignment was to do a 90-second minute monologue, Korman explained, "using a person unlike yourself," that she did not know well, then write and perform it.

"I did that and I had a great time," said Korman, mother of two boys.

"I enjoyed the writing more than the actual acting. I took more classes at TCC, and I started writing more monologues."

These monologues are the ones that make up "Threads," although at the time, she had no way of knowing they would one day become the drama.

Korman said that while she was home with her firstborn son, she became a full-time mom and needed "something more."

"There's something more to me that I was doing, between changing diapers and wiping spit-up off my shirt. I could do it while he was napping," the Alanton resident smiled. "I thought, there's something else here."

About two years, after she finished the first monologue, she continued to write because she "likes to be creative."

"I used to put this stuff in a drawer and that's how this came about," Korman said. "The drawer was getting full and I had to take something out, and I started looking at it again."

"It was a different point in my life and I was feeling different and I said 'Oh, let's try it, you know?' So I started editing them," she added.

Once the editing process was complete, she decided to show them to someone to see if they could be made into a play.

"What's the worst thing that could happen? They could say, 'Oh, these are really bad,'" Korman snickered. "A couple years had passed. They were not so much a part of me. I felt like I could do this and I know they were not really all that bad," she continued.

Then began the collaborative

effort.

She showed her work to Ann Heywood, the actress who will portray all the parts in the play.

"My husband and I patronize local theater, and I had seen her directing something or acting in it, and my husband and I always talked about what a great actress she is. We always loved everything she directed," said Korman.

Korman didn't know Heywood, but eventually summed up the nerve to call her.

"She came over and read the scripts and that did sort of scare me, because I knew she knew good writing," Korman laughed.

"She said to me, 'I want to do this.' It was wonderful. That was enough for me."

Korman said she would have been pleased enough with the response to just take the compliment and forget the play.

"For her to say these were wonderful, that they were good, I could have stopped right there," Korman beamed. "Once she said yes, I figured I've got to do something here, now."

The next phase was to find someone to direct the monologues. Heywood did not want to direct herself.

Korman had seen Karen Buchheim act, direct and choreograph local productions. She agreed to direct "Threads."

Korman then called upon Kay Zentz, whom she had met through a women's group.

"I asked her if she'd be interested. I heard her sing, and she has a beautiful voice," said Korman. Zentz took all the monologues and set them to music which she will perform in the program.

At this point, Korman asked her sister, Jodie Frieden, to take a look at the monologues and tell her what

she thought.

Of her own volition, Frieden, an artist, decided to make a clay sculpture to represent each piece.

"Kay interpreted them with music, Jodie interpreted them with clay," Korman explained. "So we're making it part of the production. The six monologues and the six sculptures will be combined."

Korman said the crux of the project is combining everyone's talents to make one piece.

"The most interesting thing for me is that everyone's got their own specialty and we're all working together to take everyone's own special niche and putting together to make one creative whole."

"These people are the ones lifting it off the page — not me," Korman continued. "I have it flat on the page in one dimension, they're the ones bringing it to life."

One final dimension was added to the play.

The performance will benefit the Virginia Beach Court Appointed Special Advocate Program, which is an organization that looks out for abused and neglected children in the courtroom.

"That's a whole other part of this for me," Korman said, "that I've been a volunteer for a long-time with the group and most of the volunteers do casework where they're working with the individual child. But I don't do that. This is my own individual way to contribute."

The performance, one show only, will be held on March 3 at 2 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Center for the Arts. It will be followed by a reception. Tickets cost \$10 and can be obtained by calling a voice mailbox at 459-8717.



"THREADS." Abbie Korman wrote the monologues for the play which will be performed at the Virginia Beach Center for the Arts on March 3 at 2 p.m.

Beach site of pilot project

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school. When kids are involved, they tend to do better and feel better about themselves," said Coleman.

According to Coleman, businesses have been very cooperative about allowing their employees to leave work for an hour a week with pay in order to tutor a child. The Norfolk and Virginia Beach sheriffs' offices, Priority Health Care and Coastal Video Communication in Virginia Beach have all shown enormous support.

"The corporate community has been very supportive because they know that these kids are their future and need to be educated," said Coleman.

Mentor Arlene Sonson and student Shaasha Merton are one of eight links that have been made so far at Seacrest Elementary School in Virginia Beach.

Merton is 10 and is in the fourth grade. Her favorite subject is math, but she admits to having trouble in spelling. She hopes to be a beautician when she grows up. Merton has two sisters and one brother, but they are both younger than her. This is one reason why she is thrilled to have a big sister.

"I want a big sister because she could teach me a lot of things and be my friend," said Merton.

Sonson, 24, has recently received a bachelor's degree from Christopher Newport University and now works

for Jackson-Hewitt in Virginia Beach. She never had a younger sister and feels that she has a lot to share.

"I want to teach Shasha about communication, how to work with other people and improve her self-esteem," said Sonson.

Sonson chose to work with a student at the elementary school level because she believes it's important to start early in order to make a real difference in the child's life. Sonson hopes to be working with Merton for many years to come.

"Becoming involved stems from the heart. I want to give back to a community that gave to me. If you have ever thought about doing something like this you should. No only do you watch a child grow but you grow yourself," said Sonson.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 14, 1996 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Courthouse, Virginia Beach. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during

1. Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Brian C. Large. Property is located at 455 Smith's Lane, LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH, 2.

2. Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Leo C. Wardrup, Jr. & Leo C. Wardrup, III. Property is located at 1057 Olds Lane, LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH, AMENDMENT:

3. Motion of the city of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to amend and rezone Section 111 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to definition of correctional facility. More detailed information is available in the Planning Department.

4. Motion of the city of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to amend and rezone Section 801 of the City Zoning Ordinance by adding correctional facilities as a conditional use in the O-2 Office District. More detailed information is available in the Planning Department.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Twin Star Enterprises Inc., for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-1 Neighborhood Business District and O-2 Office District to Conditional O-2 Office District on the southeast side of N. Landing Road, northeast of Courthouse Drive. The proposed zoning classification change to O-2 is for

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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The Central Business District Association will host Congressman Own B. Pickett at the February luncheon meeting. He will discuss the "Economic Forecast of the Nation and the Federal Budget." The event will be held Friday, Feb. 9 at 11:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Executive Center, 5655 Greenwich Rd. Reservations must be made by Monday, Feb. 5. The cost is \$15.00 for members and \$20.50 for non-members. For further information, call 490-7812.

Clubs

The Cap Henry Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will meet Feb. 8 at Tandem's Pine Tree Inn, 2932 Virginia Beach Blvd. in Virginia Beach. For further information, call 430-7255.

The Pickett-Buchanan Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will meet at 11 a.m. on Feb. 15 at the Golden Corral Restaurant on North Road in Virginia Beach. For information and reservations, call Mrs. Walker at 855-5586.

Fleet Reserve Association Branch 99 and Ladies Auxiliary is having an Americanism Night on Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. at the branch home, 204 Jersey Ave. On this branch level, first place winners from Virginia Beach schools who participated in the FRA essay contest will be receiving awards.

Education

The Virginia Beach School Board will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. in the School Board Room of the School Administration Building located in

the regular monthly meeting of the Great Neck-Virginia Beach AARP Chapter 4643 will be held at 7 p.m., Feb. 6 at the Great Neck Recreation Center, 2541 Shorehaven Dr. The first speaker will be Linda Champion-Richards, Virginia Beach Public School Business Partnership coordinator. She will give a brief talk about community and school involvement opportunities for AARP volunteers. The second speaker will be Dr. Christopher Weiss of the Atlantic Surgery Association. He will speak about breast and colon cancer.

The Linkhorn Park Garden Club will meet on Friday, Feb. 2 at 11 a.m. at the Princess Anne County Club. Jeannie Drescher will present a program on "Color in Your Garden With Perennial Flowers." Members are asked to bring arrangements with a valentine or patriotic theme Camellias, daffodils or other early spring specimens are horticulture requirements.

Civic

Lee's Friends, which helps people live with cancer, needs lay and professional volunteers to offer person-to-person emotional and practical support to cancer patients and their families of all ages and stages in South Hampton Roads.

The group also needs drivers (substitute and regular) and office workers. Call Emily Filer or Carol Olsen at 625-3115 (9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., or leave message) for an appointment.

The National Campaign Committee of Randolph-Macon College will host a South Hampton Roads campaign kick-off gala Feb. 15 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Chrysler Museum, 245 W. Olney Rd. in Norfolk. All area alumni, parents and friends of Randolph-Macon are invited to attend the event, which will include refreshments and a program at 8 p.m. There is no cost for the gala; however, reservations are requested and should be made by Feb. 12 by calling the R-MC Alumni Office at 752-7221.

Come celebrate reading! Join Lynnhaven Elementary in celebrating Reading Month with its Third Annual Book Parade. Be a spectator as Olympic readers march through the halls of the school celebrating their favorite books. For more information, call the school office at 431-4020.

Cox High School's award winning literary art and magazine, Wingspan, will turn the school library into a coffeehouse Monday, Feb. 12 immediately following the

PTA meeting at 7 p.m. Student writers will man the "open mike" reading their original works of poetry and prose. In addition, student artist will have their creations on display.

Amber Medlin, the 1995 Miss Virginia, will speak at a special recruitment session for students interested in Radford University on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott. Medlin, a 1994 RU graduate, will join current students and university representatives in providing information about undergraduate and graduate programs.

Join Lynnhaven Elementary in celebrating cultures from around the world! A Multicultural Dinner will be held on Thursday, Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Entertainment begins at 6:45 p.m.

Tickets are \$4 for adults or \$2 for children at the door or may be purchased through Feb. 14 for \$3.50 and \$1.50. Children 4 and under will be admitted for free. For more information, call the school office at 431-4020.

The Green Run High School Craft Show will be held Saturday, March 23 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Organizers are now accepting applications, which can be picked up at Green Run High School. Call Deni Sabo or Lynn Whalen at 431-4040 for more information.

One-hundred-eighty kindergarten, first and fourth graders at Indian Lakes Elementary will be presenting a musical play, "PTA Lights the Way," at its Founder's Day Program, Thursday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

First Equitable has been working at the site since last fall, after signing a letter of intent for the building. The sales center is now open for the public to visit.

"The condominiums, townhomes and office space can be purchased now," Gamel said, noting that interest in the property has been running high. Twenty percent of the units are already under contract. Construction will be complete by June, Gamel said. He added that the property's name may be changed in coming weeks.

The transaction with First Equitable was a major, positive development for the city of Portsmouth, according to Danny Cruce, executive director of the PRHA. The property has remained unfinished since another developer company began working on it nearly nine years ago.

The starting price at the property, which consists of 60 one-, two- and three-bedroom condominiums and five townhomes, is \$109,000. All residences have water views.

In addition to the residential space, 10,000 square feet of office space, also with water views, is available for purchase.

Besides investing in the building's acquisition, First Equitable is putting \$5 million into completing the project. Amenities at the complex will include a waterfront pool, health club and tennis court, billiard room, underground parking and a guest suite for use when residents are visitors.

An award-winning design firm, Model Home Interiors of Washington, D.C., is creating common areas that are exceptionally stylish and appealing, Gamel said.

"In my opinion, this will be the most upscale building of its kind in Hampton Roads. And the waterviews are spectacular," he noted.

Commerce Bank is handling the project's financing; the majority of construction work is being done by local contractors.

"This building is a crown jewel on our waterfront. We feel very fortunate to have located these developments to bring this important project to fruition," Cruce said.

First Equitable Realty has similar successful transformations of distressed condo projects in cities around the country, including Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Augusta, Baltimore and others, explained Gamel. "Typically, because we offer such high-quality residences at such low prices, we sell out very quickly. I would encourage anyone who is interested in a residence from this property to call or visit our sales office right away."

The sales office is open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. seven days a week. Its telephone number is 399-2000.

Tee off with Outer Banks Golf

Outer Banks Golf Inc. has announced its recent opening. Specializing in all-inclusive golf packaging, Outer Banks Golf offers complete customized packages in the Nags Head/Kill Devil Hills/Currituck area of North Carolina.

With five challenging championship courses to choose from, the Outer Banks offers Links style and traditional courses from wetlands to woodlands.

Courses available in the program are Sea Scape Golf Links, Nags

Head Golf Links, Goose Creek Golf and Country Club, The Pointe Golf Club and the Currituck Golf Club.

Preferred tee times are packaged with accommodations ranging from oceanfront hotels and beach homes to course-side houses. Meal plans are optional and may be purchased at a nominal fee for preferred restaurants.

The only requirement is that the student be between 4 and 104 years old.

At present, students range in age from 4 to 68, with an 86-year-old gentleman seriously contemplating training in his power.

For more information, see the advertisement in the classified section of this newspaper or call Messey at 583-3472 and leave a message. His fax number is 627-8294.

Health

Virginia Beach General Hospital will hold a Breast Cancer Support Group meeting on Monday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Health Education Center, located across from the hospital's Emergency Center.

This free service for breast cancer patients offers both educational and emotional support. The support group meets on the second Monday of every month. For more information, call 481-8393.

The Virginia Beach General Hospital Sleep Disorders Laboratory will hold a Sleep Disorders Support Group meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. in the 2 North Classroom at Virginia Beach General Hospital.

The group provides support and education to families and individual members of the community on causes and treatments in the field of sleeping disorders.

Virginia Beach General Hospital will hold a Cancer Support Group meeting on Monday, Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Health Education Center, located across from the hospital's Emergency Center.

This free service for cancer patients and their families offers both educational and emotional support. The support group meets on the third Monday of every month.

For more information, call 426-5194.

Recreation

The Pungo-Blackwater Library (922 Princess Anne Rd.) will hold a storytime entitled "Frogs and Toads" for children 3 to 5 years old to enhance their enjoyment of reading books. This program will be held on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 10:30 a.m. For further information, call 426-5194.

All seats are reserved. Tickets are \$2 and are available at the 25th Street Office or through TicketMaster (671-0100). Proceeds will benefit the Larry King Cardiac Foundation and the Forum.

For information on Forum and future events in the Forum series, call 490-7235 or 481-3515.

The Kempsville Area Library (832 Kempsville Rd.) will present a five-part book discussion series (presented by local scholars) for adults that explores the lives, cultures and experiences of five unique voices from around the world. The dates of the autobiographies and the pre-series event are:

■ Monday, Feb. 12, pre-series event;

■ Monday, Feb. 26, "The Road From Coorain" by Jill Ker Conway;

■ Monday, March 11, "Out of Africa" by Isak Dinesen;

■ Monday, March 25, "Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years" by Sarah and A. Elizabeth Delany;

■ Monday, April 8, "Days of Grace: A Memoir" by Arthur Ashe and Arnold Rampersad; and,

■ Monday, April 22, "The Good Times" by Russell Baker.

The books will be available for purchase at each session (cash or check only). This program is being partially funded by the Friends of Virginia Beach Public Library and will take place in the Kempsville Area Library meeting room from 7 - 9 p.m.; registration began Jan. 22 and is ongoing.

Larry King, CNN's prime-time pundit, will appear at the premier event of the Virginia Beach Forum on Friday, Feb. 9 at 8 p.m. in the Pavilion Theater.

All seats are reserved. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the 25th Street Office or through TicketMaster (671-0100). Proceeds will benefit the Larry King Cardiac Foundation and the Forum.

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UNIQUE APPROACH. The Eagles Self-Defense Academy teaches students from ages 4 to 104. From left, are "Mr. Jack" Messey, Melecia Washington, Jon Parmele and Sonja Thompson.

Academy offers unique approach

Eagles Self-Defense Academy, located on the corner of 24th and Llewellyn streets in Norfolk (Precision Auto Body Work building), founded and operated by Jack "Mr. Jack" Messey, offers a unique and realistic approach to self-defense.

Although primarily schooled in the Korean marital arts, Messey employs Chinese, Japanese and Brazilian styles as well, in order to provide the student with the best training in his power.

The only requirement is that the student be between 4 and 104 years old.

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Portsmouth seeks progress for future vision

City welcomes new names, faces and projects to its vision of the future; some landmarks receive facelifts

In Portsmouth, 1995 was a year for new names.

There were new names at the top of the city administration, most notably new City Manager Ronald W. Massie and City Attorney G. Timothy Oksman.

There were new names of citizen-government partnerships to address specific needs of the community, most notably Vision 2005 and NEAT.

Adding to the mix were other well-known names as the Children's Museum of Virginia and J.C. Norcom High School.

Massie and Oksman were significant additions to the city government's top echelons because of their wealth of experience in large Virginia cities — Massie in Norfolk and Oksman in Richmond.

As assistant city manager in Norfolk, Massie was instrumental in the revitalization of that city's Elizabeth River waterfront. During his 25-year career in public service, he established a solid reputation for helping to formulate city goals and then translating those goals into reality.

Massie initially came to Portsmouth as interim city manager, but he was so impressed with the city's potential that he agreed to take the reins full time. By the end of the year, Massie was assembling his management team, including a mixture of seasoned Portsmouth officials and new department heads, particularly in Planning and in Marketing and Communications.

Oksman came to Portsmouth with significant experience in municipal law during his tenure as Richmond city attorney, where he also worked closely with the Virginia General Assembly. Among other things, Oksman is a member of the Virginia Code Commission Work Group.

Many citizens, business leaders and government officials alike

were pleased with the adoption of Vision 2005, a 10-year master plan for upgrading much of the city.

While many were impressed with the outcome of the Vision 2005 planning process led by consultant Ray Gindroz, just as many were complimentary of the process itself, involving large groups of citizens working in concert with city officials to improve their community.

NEAT programs have already been established in two neighborhoods.

While Mayor Gloria O. Webb and Vice Mayor Johnny M. Clemons offered overall guidance to the process, other members of city council, such as James C. Hawks, Bernard D. Griffin Jr., Cameron C. Pitts, James T. Martin and P. Ward Robinet Jr., chaired specific task forces for various geographical sections of the study.

By the end of the year, the planning teams were finetuning

their particular recommendations and looking for ways to begin implementation.

The area of crime was of particular concern, and the city approached the problem with the same public-private partnership approach — citizens and business leaders working with the government to find the best solutions.

Under the leadership of Police Chief Dennis A. Mook, the community formed the NEAT (Neighborhood Enhancement and Action Teams) program to personalize the delivery of police services to specific neighborhoods and mobilize city departments to solve underlying problems affecting neighborhoods.

NEAT programs have already been established in two neighborhoods, with others to follow in 1996.

The Children's Museum of Virginia was a notable success in 1995 by any yardstick. Not only did the newly expanded facility pass the 200,000 visitor mark in December, it also received rave reviews from adults and children far and near.

Newspapers like *The Charlotte*

Observer printed large articles with color pictures and told their readers to "put the Children's Museum of Virginia on your list of must-stops."

The Carolinas' largest newspaper said "the museum is kid-friendly without making teens and adults feel as if they're too big to play."

It called the 27,000 square-foot facility, with 60 interactive exhibits plus a planetarium, "a giant playground."

The museum was a welcome addition to numerous downtown attractions including several other museums, the Commodore Theater, many first-class restaurants and the historic Olde Towne neighborhood.

Other notable names included J.C. Norcom, which will be the name of a new high school facility that broke ground in October and will serve up to 1,800 students when it opens in September 1997 on London Boulevard.

With some new to Portsmouth and others new to facilities, new names was the name of the game in this historic city in 1995, setting the stage for another significant year in 1996.

Ports Events plans calendar of festivities

The staff at Ports Events is ready for a fun-filled year in Portsmouth! The non-profit organization helps the city to

produce special events that achieve their mission statement, "to create a positive image for the city of Portsmouth through

special events, which emphasizes the Portsmouth family tradition and enhances the viability of the community while having a

favorable economic impact."

With the help of more than 500 volunteers, the Ports Events staff will host 15 special events in 1996. Linda Lamm, executive director of Ports Events, said that without the help of these very

special people, the events would be next to impossible to produce. "Our volunteer effort is enormous and greatly appreciated," said Lamm.

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Today Hydraulic Service Company represents more than 100 major product lines and according to D. B. Short,

president, "Service is still our primary emphasis. And we feel that we have one very distinct advantage over most other equipment distributors that we offer service on all of the products we sell."

"And that really means a lot to the customer, knowing that parts and service are available after you have purchased the product. Service is and will always be the backbone of our company," reiterated Short.

If you mention Hydraulic Service Company's name in the marine, the industrial or the construction community you quickly realize that Hydraulic Service Company is "a little industrial giant." Hydraulic Service Company has a complete machine shop to

complement its service department and has the capabilities to manufacture many parts and units to help reduce the customers down time.

They also have a complete lubricating and pneumatics department to handle all portable tools and air compressors.

The firm is located at 3215 Portsmouth Boulevard.

With more than 40 employees, Hydraulic Service Company may be Portsmouth's best kept industrial secret.

"We are simply not consumer-oriented," said Short.

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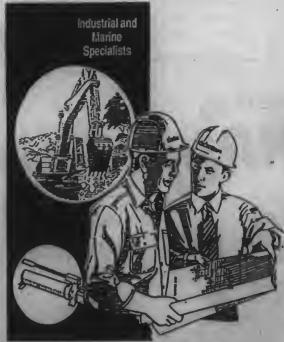
The Olde Towne Gallery, located at 341 High Street in Portsmouth, will feature several different artists throughout the upcoming year:

■ February — Janyahn, paintings;

■ March — Robert Burnell, paintings;

- April — Charles Weiss, wood working;
- May — Thomas Cole, paintings;
- June — Okala, paintings;
- July — Debbie Hobbs, pastels.
- August — Thom Cole, paintings of ships;
- September — Ed Brown, photography;
- October — Jim Levendosky, carvings;
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- December — Nate Mewhinney, etchings, and Barry Scott, jewelry.

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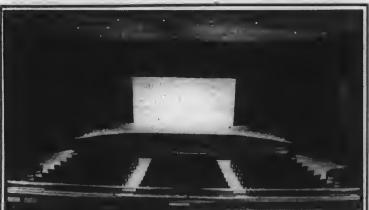
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Willett Hall, quietly nestled in a residential community and adjacent to Maryview Medical Center, has eagerly ushered in 1996. Located in the heart of Hampton Roads, the hall draws from as far north as Richmond and as far south as northeastern North Carolina. It is easily accessible from interstates 64, 264 and 664. All roads lead to Willett Hall!

The building was originally designed as the auditorium for Wilson High School. In the '80s the building underwent an extensive renovation and reopened with an elegance that makes it the pride of Portsmouth and Hampton Roads!

The hall is known for having the best acoustics in Hampton Roads and hosting quality shows and concerts. The hall also offers free parking only steps away from the front door and is accessible for the disabled.

This year has started off with such headliners as the Vienna Boys Choir and George Carlin.

In recent months the hall has played host to the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, Urban



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Department plans to increase tourism, revenue and economic growth in the future

According to the United States Tour and Travel Administration (USTTA), the U.S. share of tourism revenues were 18.2 percent of the total tourism revenue throughout the world in 1994.

As a destination marketing organization, the Portsmouth Convention and Visitors Bureau's objective is to achieve a percentage of the United States revenues for the city of Portsmouth.

This objective is in direct compliance with the bureau's mission statement "to promote, market and develop the city of Portsmouth as a tourist destination thereby enhancing economic growth."

By accomplishing this mission the bureau generates tourism revenue for the city.

Tourism revenue for Portsmouth increased from \$29 million in 1991 to \$37.8 million in 1995.

Portsmouth attractions, restaurants and local businesses are positively affected by the increased tourist dollars at their facilities. These revenues are returned to the city in the form

of monies for city projects and services.

The bureau accomplishes this goal through national and regional advertising, group tour sales, media relations, AAA sales awareness campaigns and targeting convention and meeting planners.

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■ Advertising is accomplished by the placement of national and regional ads in consumer and trade publications, regional newspapers and television campaigns. Another successful advertising effort is the

distribution of the visitor's guide at 355 sites nationally, regionally and locally. The end result is tourist telephone inquiries which prompt visitation to Portsmouth. In 1994, a 41 percent increase was achieved in tourist inquiries.

■ Group tour sales are accomplished by attending travel shows where destination marketing organizations, group tour operators and leaders, and attractions meet to promote travel destinations and group experiences. In 1994, bureau staff met more than 140 group tour operators and 600 group leaders to promote Portsmouth as a group tour destination.

■ Media relations efforts are accomplished through the promotion of Portsmouth through national and regional editorial coverage. This effort significantly complements the bureau's advertising budget.

From June 1994 through July 1995, more than \$89,000 of editorial coverage was procured nationally, regionally and locally. By procuring editorial coverage in consumer and trade publications, potential tourists read these editorials and generate telephone inquiries requesting information about

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Ports Events schedules calendar of festivities for the upcoming year

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This year's calendar of events is as follows:

■ Taste of Portsmouth, Feb.

6. A gathering of Portsmouth's best dining establishments and their finest cuisine. This year's participating restaurants are: Amory's Wharf, The Baron's Pub, Brutti's Cafe and Espresso Bar, China Garden, The Commodore Theatre, Huckleberry's, Lobscouser, Maddy's Diner, The Max, New York Delicatessen, Scale o'de Whale, Sotto Voce Espresso, Vic Zodda's Harborside and Wiener World. Tickets are \$15 per person and include a sample from each of the 14 restaurants and one extra sample from your favorite restaurant! Advance ticket sales only. This event is limited to 500 guests and sells out, so call early for your tickets!

■ Virginia's Incredible Edibles, March 1 - 2. This is Made in Virginia food and wine festival is sure to tickle your palette! Sample some of your favorite Made in Virginia foods,

condiments and wines at this special two-day festival held at The Max in Olde Towne Portsmouth.

■ Crawford Bay Crew Classic, March 16 along the seawall in Olde Towne Portsmouth. Join some of the finest collegiate rowing teams for a regatta and tailgate party. Teams rowing this year are: Catholic University, George Mason University, Old Dominion University, University of Richmond and the College of William and Mary. Tailgate spaces are \$25. Viewing is free.

■ First Citizen of Portsmouth, April (exact date to be announced). Help the city of Portsmouth honor 1995's finest volunteer. The selection is made in February and details of the banquet are announced in March.

■ Poetry in Portsmouth, April 17 - 20. Join some of the area's finest poets in a four-day event held in Olde Towne museums and galleries.

■ Portside Boat show, May 4 - 5. Local dealers present new

and used boats for sale. See what's hot for the summer in the latest watercrafts.

■ Seawall Festival, June 7 - 9. This festival features entertainment, a children's park, arts and crafts and much, much more.

■ Wine Down With Jazz, June 29. Held on the campus of Portsmouth's Tidewater Community College, overlooking the James River, this new event promises to be great. Enjoy some Virginia wines while listening to some jazz.

■ Cock Island Race, July 19

- 20. This sell-out racing event is the largest of its kind on the East Coast. Festivities include street dances and viewing of the race along the seawall in Olde Towne Portsmouth.

■ Gospelrama, Aug. 3 - 4.

Join some of the area's best gospel singers as they unite through music on the Water Stage at Portside.

■ Rendezvous, Mile Marker Zero, Aug. 16 - 18. This new event offers owners of power-boats and yachts a chance to rendezvous in Olde Towne for a weekend of fun-filled social events.

■ Portside Boat Show, Aug.

24 - 25. Local dealers will exhibit their new lines for 1997, as well as offer great deals on used boats. Exhibitors will also be on site to add to the festivities.

■ Civil War Day, Oct. 12. Re-enactors and exhibitors take over historic Olde Towne! Trolley tours will guide you through Civil War Portsmouth and offer a detail of what life was like during this historical period.

■ A Very Special Halloween, Oct. 26. This is a celebration for children with special needs.

■ Gallery Art Show, Nov. 16

- 17. Kick off your holiday shopping season at this wonderful showing of local artists.

All events are open to the public. For more information about an event, or to obtain tickets for an upcoming event, call the Ports Events office at 393-9933. See you there!



Civil War Day features many re-enactors and exhibitors in Olde Towne.



Virginia's Incredible Edibles, March 1 - 2 will tempt your tastebuds.



The Seawall Festival, June 7 - 9, features entertainment, a children's park, arts and crafts and more.

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Civil War Day will be held on Oct. 12.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

This coming February, Anderson-Wright antique and furniture refinishing shop will open for business at 622 High Street in downtown Portsmouth. The owners, Bill Schlaft and Philip Weber, purchased the dilapidated building from PRHA in August and have been hard at work restoring the old structure to its original 1900's character. They are performing much of the construction work themselves and are painstakingly refinishing the existing flooring, wood trim and plastering. They plan to occupy the second floor as their living quarters, just as merchants did at the turn of the century. After many years of living and working in New York City, they "discovered" downtown Portsmouth while visiting with family in Chesapeake and were attracted to Portsmouth's "Olde Towne" charm and the friendliness and pace of small town living.

As is often the case with community development initiative, PRHA facilitated the sale and rehabilitation of this property by using a combination of redevelopment programs. The Authority purchased the building with Community Development Block Grant funding and, as an inducement to the developers, made a PRHA Commercial Facade Improvement Loan utilizing money earned from the issuance of tax-exempt revenue bonds. Additionally, since the property is located within Portsmouth's Enterprise Zone, the business will qualify for many state and local tax incentives.



Owners Bill Schlaft and Phillip Weber discuss future plans with Marcia McVay of PRHA.



Second floor restoration in progress

LIST OF YOUTH PROGRAMS OFFERED TO PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS

1. Tutorial Programs - Tutorial programs are offered in each public housing development.
2. PRHA Sports Program - The Authority's Sports Program includes T-Ball, Softball, Baseball, Little League, Basketball, Cheerleading, and Football.
3. YMCA Youth Sports Program - Night Hawk Basketball, Summer Day Camp, Community Family Nights, and the Summer Learn to Swim Program. This program is for residents of Washington Park.
4. E.L. Hamm/PRHA Scholarship - E.L. Hamm and Associates, Inc., a management and engineering consulting firm headquartered in Virginia Beach, Virginia, has established an academic scholarship for Portsmouth public housing seniors. Scholarship recipients must attend Norfolk State University.
5. PRHA Scholarship - Under the Public Housing Drug Elimination Program, the Authority has awarded several academic scholarships.
6. Youth Against Drugs - The Authority's youth participate in this Portsmouth Department of Parks and Recreation's drug education and recreation program.
7. PRIDE Clubs - Youth are taught drug education, life skills training, and are taught how to explore career opportunities. PRIDE Clubs are sponsored and implemented by the Portsmouth Community Services Board.
8. Headstart - This nationally-known, youth-serving program is operated in Ida Barbour Park.
9. Summer Fun and Sun Playground Program - The Portsmouth Department of Parks and Recreation implements this annual U.S.D.A. and recreation program in selected housing communities.
10. Virginia Association of Housing and Community Development Officials (VAHCDO) Scholarship - The Authority extends the invitation to public housing seniors to apply for this statewide scholarship.
11. Toys for Tots Program - During the yuletide season, staff assist local agencies and businesses in the distribution of toys for children who reside in public housing.

The following is a list of scholarships available for the 1995-96 through the Authority.

1. E.L. Hamm/PRHA Scholarships
 - Two scholarships are available. Each scholarship award will be for \$4,000.00 (\$1,000 per year).
 - Recipients must attend a four-year undergraduate program at Norfolk State University.
 - Applicants must have a 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
 - Applications will be due on March 15.

2. PRHA Scholarships
 - Two scholarships are available. Each scholarship award will be in the amount of \$3,186.00.
 - Recipients must attend a four- or five-year undergraduate program at any accredited college or university.
 - Applicants must have a 2.0 cumulative grade point average.
 - Applications will be due February 2.

3. VAHCDO and SERC/NAHRO Scholarships
 - Two VAHCDO and one SERC/NAHRO scholarship will be available.
 - Each scholarship award will be in the amount of \$1,000.
 - Recipients must attend an accredited college or university.
 - Applicants must have a 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
 - Applications will be due on February 1.

Additional information concerning these scholarships can be found in your guidance department or housing office.

4. Need-Based Scholarships are available through the ACCESS Program to seniors who plan to continue their education beyond high school. In order to qualify for a scholarship, applicants must:

- Be enrolled in the ACCESS Program and have a cumulative grade point average.

For additional information concerning the ACCESS scholarships, contact the ACCESS Advisor.

• Churchnland High	-Mrs. Barbara
686-2500, Ext. 337	
• Norcom High	-Mrs. Cheryl Tucker
	-Wilson High -Mrs. Katrina Love 463

Books are available in the library reference section under "SCHOLARSHIPS" and "GRANTS." Ask your school librarian for assistance.

"HOME CARE PROGRAM" A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM

The City of Portsmouth and the Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority are very pleased with the success of the Home Care Program. The program provides grants of up to \$10,000 for home improvements to moderate income homeowners who meet eligibility criteria. These improvements include providing new heating and air conditioning systems and installing storm windows.

Additionally, this program, which is also available to seniors, improved the quality of life for the homeowners by reducing energy costs and enhancing the overall appearance of their homes and yards.

During the spring of 1994 the City of Portsmouth and the Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority received national recognition from the U.S. Department of Urban Development as one of the top performers in the HOME Program.

HOME is a federally funded large-scale grant program designed to help low-income families buy decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing. Grants were provided by the Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority and through the HOME CARE Program using \$1.6 million of

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COLUMBIA COMMONS SUBDIVISION

Through the efforts of the Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority and the City of Portsmouth, a section of substandard and dilapidated housing units in downtown Portsmouth has been cleared and prepared for new construction. The site is located off of South Street, between Washington and Effingham Streets.

Originally, the area now known as Columbia Commons contributed an insignificant amount of taxes to the City's rolls. The new development will provide homeownership opportunities in the downtown area, adding to the tax rolls and supporting merchants in the locality.

Two contractors, Goode Construction, Inc. and BHS Development, Inc. have been selected to build high quality homes on the site. A ground-breaking ceremony took place on March 1, 1994 where city officials, the contractors, the chairman of PRHA's Board of Commissioners, and the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce - Portsmouth Division broke ground for the construction of the homes.

Upon completion, nineteen (19) lots will have been developed as single-family, detached homes with prices ranging from \$89,000 to \$150,000. To date eleven (11) homes have been constructed and sold.

The spacious, two-level homes contain a minimum of 2,000 square feet of living space, and each has an attached garage. Each home also includes a fireplace and a patio overlooking a private backyard.

Two-thirds of all homes within the subdivision are to be completed fully in a brick veneer finish. Individual brick driveway aprons match and blend into the pattern of the brick sidewalks, incorporating each home site into the community.

The City has provided attractive fencing around the community, while maintaining neighborhood views and continuity. The City has provided landscaping along the perimeter of the wall and within the central community island. The development will have a neighborhood identification sign constructed of slate and brick, matching the driveways and sidewalks.

If you want to obtain additional information about Columbia Commons, contact the Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority at 399-5261, extension 266.



Columbia Commons home in progress



Newly constructed homes in the complex are surrounded by beautiful landscaping.



One of many homes in the subdivision, it is a combination of brick and vinyl siding.

PRHA WELCOMES COMFORT INN

The Portsmouth Redevelopment and Housing Authority recently conveyed a one-acre parcel in Downtown Portsmouth, on which a 62-unit Comfort Inn hotel is currently under construction. Mr. Sam Lavingia is the experienced hotel/motel developer and operator of the development. The facility will include a swimming pool, meeting, breakfast, and fitness rooms, and twenty-two efficiency suites with kitchens. The completed development will represent a private investment of \$2.15 million, yield the City \$78,000 in annual taxes, and employ 15 persons. This is the first time ever that this property will be put on the City's tax rolls. The site was formerly the location of an abandoned City Social Services Building, which was demolished by PRHA.



Future site of Comfort Inn hotel

Portsmouth Catholic students excel academically, socially

School educates youth in grades pre-kindergarten through eighth

Portsmouth Catholic offers students in grades pre-kindergarten through eighth the chance to excel academically and socially. Our program encourages the development of academic skill, as well as social, emotional and physical growth.

The school has a large, well-equipped library and media center. Students have computer, music and library classes weekly. Physical education is taught twice weekly.

Portsmouth Catholic currently has 255 students enrolled. The school day begins at 8:20 a.m.

and dismisses at 2:45 p.m. Pre-kindergarten dismisses at noon. The school offers before and after school care programs, starting at 7:15 a.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m. Students in grades kindergarten through eighth wear the school uniform.

Clubs and special enrichment programs include the Ecology Club, standardized testing, interscholastic sports program, D.A.R.E. program, Girl Scouts, Art and Community Service, monthly prayer services and Family Fun Day.

Portsmouth Catholic encourages parental involvement in the school environment. Many opportunities exist to take an active role in your child's education.

For more information, call the school office at 488-6744 during regular school hours.



Portsmouth Catholic school is located at 2301 Oregon Ave. in Portsmouth.



Mrs. Cotter's pre-kindergarten class works on an art project.

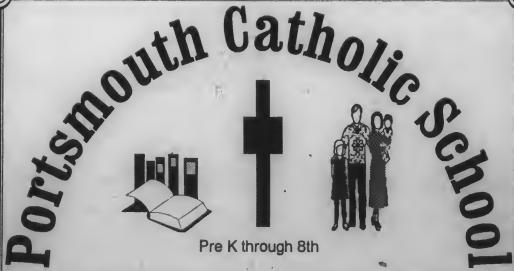
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Vision 2005 process encourages community based plan

The departments of Economic Development and Planning initiated the Vision 2005 process in 1994. Vision 2005 is Portsmouth's Strategic Plan for Economic and Community Development which focuses on a major corridor of the city that runs from the downtown Waterfront to the Mid-Town section of the city.

The plan is designed to serve as a framework for managing the city's assets and planning public investment strategically. Since its adoption by City Council



Future Portsmouth Waterfront

nine months ago, Vision 2005 has proved to be a most successful process to encourage community based government.

Based on the plan's success, City council has appropriated \$2.3 million in Community Development Grant Block Grant money for 1996. This funding will help "kick-off" priority

projects called for in the plan and will provide some early, visible results for the many citizens and organizations that have become part of the "Vision 2005" process.

As we look forward into 1996, City Council will consider how to expand the process to other parts of our city.

Small Business Strategies Seminar set

The "Small Business Strategies Seminar Series" will be held Feb. 24, March 2 and 9 at the Holiday Inn-Portsmouth Waterfront from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The seminar will provide valuable information for both start-up and existing businesses.

The areas covered are business management, marketing, record keeping, accounting, financing and legal issues in small businesses.

During the seminars, participants are encouraged to share ideas and to network with other participants.

These seminars are provided by the Portsmouth Department of Economic Development, Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce-Portsmouth Division, Portsmouth Certified Development Corporation, Portsmouth Small or Minority Business Enterprise Committee

and the Hampton Roads chamber's Small Business Development Center.

The cost of the seminar series is \$45 per person. Registration deadline is Feb. 16.

For more information or a registration form, call the Portsmouth Department of Economic Development at 393-8804 or the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce-Portsmouth Division at 397-3453.

OB/GYN Dr. Urges Young Women To Help Grandmother

We sometimes forget how different a life our own grandmothers experienced than women do today. Consider the most obvious changes that directly influence the freedom that women have:

✓ No longer do women have to suffer menstrual and menopausal ailments without relief.

✓ No longer do women need to bear children each year, spending their lives and energy raising children with nothing left over for themselves.

✓ No longer do women have to go through life subject to the multiplicity of complications that child bearing once imposed.

This improvement in the quality of life for today's women has come about because of my specialty. Obstetrics and gynecology is dedicated to the preservation and advancement of the quality of life that women can, and deserve to, enjoy. There are few specialties, even in this technological age, that can boast of the advances that ob/gyn has provided. These advances have been so profound, and are emerging so quickly, that I find some women are still unaware that their particular ailments can now be treated, relieved, or even eliminated! I am proud to join the physicians of my specialty in encouraging

Olugbenga S. Oredine, M.D.
Fellow of the
American College
of Obstetricians
& Gynecologists



women to come forward with their problems, *expecting to be taken seriously, and to be helped.*

We Obstetricians and Gynecologists also ask the help of young women, aware of the multiplicity of ob/gyn advances, to guide their mothers and grandmothers to seek medical attention. Do not assume your loved ones know they can be helped.

I am grateful that my wife and daughters live in this era instead of in any era of the past. It is within my lifetime that women finally have begun to be free from the bonds that gender alone imposed. I urge all women to seek the advice of their obstetricians and gynecologists for whatever problems are troubling them. *Expect caring, knowledgeable help.* If there is no treatment available, prompt its research and development. For too many years, women suffered in silence, thinking it their lot in life. *No more!*

Dr. Oredine has special interest in infertility and endometriosis. He is accepting both primary care and obstetric/gynecological patients. Call 549-2723 or 1-800-320-7705 for the location of his office most convenient for you.

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are also conducted to apprise AAA offices of upcoming events.

■ Convention and meeting sales efforts will be increased in 1996 through the attendance of trade shows aimed at meeting planners and destination marketing organizations. The bureau presently provides complimentary name tags and suggested itineraries just to name a few of the services.

Overall, positive tourist experiences means positive returns for Portsmouth.

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I-664 enhances city's connections

Interstate highway I-664 has significantly improved access to and from Portsmouth, opening new areas to development. I-664 connects to the North through Newport News with I-64 and to the south through Suffolk and Chesapeake with I-264 and U.S. Route 58. Additional area transportation improvements include the Western Freeway which will pass through the northern section of the city, providing connection with I-664 and eventually the MidTown Tunnel to Norfolk.

Importantly, these new highway improvements provide critical access to Portsmouth's most developable land. The Western Freeway component of the new system provides direct highway access to more than 800 acres of vacant land including:

- A 640-acre tract of industrial property with deep water access, one of the only such tracts available on the East coast.

- A 60-acre corporate office part which offers a unique suburban waterfront. The park is part of a 200-acre planned community development.

Regional planners forecast that the area served by the new interstate system will be one of the fastest growing parts of Hampton Roads in the 1990s, thus providing significant opportunities for new jobs and tax revenue.

Although the national economic downturn has been felt in Portsmouth and throughout Hampton Roads, the overall economic outlook remains positive. In addition to the positive impact of the new interstate highway system, Portsmouth experienced a strong resurgence of growth during the 1980s which is continuing into the 1990s.

The city has experienced major expansions by many of its large industries in the past five years including a \$33 million expansion of the Hoechst Celanese plant and an associated \$66 million Cogenix cogeneration plant and a \$10 million expansion of Sea-Land Services port facilities. Expansions by Nation Linen Service, Gwaltney of Smithfield, TriCare and others continued this trend in 1994. Business retention and expansion activity continue to be strong.

Along with regular business retention calls to existing businesses, the city also began hosting Business Appreciation Breakfasts to further recognize our existing business base and to bring the local business community together. Also initiated were workshops to educate the existing and new

businesses on the Enterprise Zone, 504 loan program and other resources.

Business growth in the downtown area was especially impressive during 1992 - 1995. New business locations and expansions resulted in the addition of more than 400 employees to our downtown workforce. Significantly, these new businesses reduced our downtown office vacancy rate to less than 10 percent, one of the lowest vacancy rates in the Hampton Roads region. A few notable new developments included TexCom, TriCare, The Children's Museum of Virginia, Tidewater Community College, Visual Arts Center and the groundbreaking for the new I.C. Norcom High School. Numerous new restaurants and specialty shops have also bolstered growth in the downtown corridor.

Significant investment was again achieved in 1994, with New Day Office Products, TWB Gourmet Foods, Cem-Corp, W.O. Grub Crane Company and Portsmouth Tool and Die expansion leading the way. The total new investment for 1994 was \$17 million.

In early 1995, Direct Marketing Enterprise announced Portsmouth as their choice to construct a 230,000-square-foot catalog sales and distribution center, representing 300 new jobs and an estimated \$10 million investment. The company is purchasing 23 acres in PortCentre Commerce Park.

Other 1995 new announcements of note were made by Mid Atlantic BellCom, Hampton Roads GM Training Center, Land & Coates and Portsmouth Tent and Awning.

To date, almost \$20 million direct new investment has been recorded for 1995.

In addition to private investment, the Coast Guard announced the relocation of 160 senior level jobs to Portsmouth. The Navy has furthered construction of a \$350 million expansion of the Naval Regional Medical Center. The Virginia Port Authority has continued a \$31.75 million expansion of the

Portsmouth Marine Terminal.

In order to encourage economic development, the city has established Portsmouth's first office park, River Pointe, and first commerce park, PortCentre:

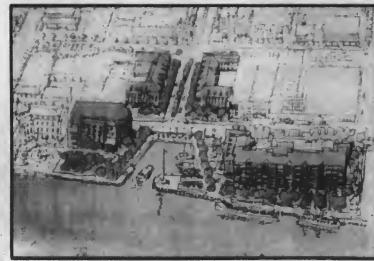
River Pointe, when completed, will be a 60-acre highly controlled park in a suburban waterfront location. The park is part of a 200-acre mixed use development.

PortCentre is a 100-acre park with immediate interstate highway access (I-264). PortCentre is the closest commerce park of both Norfolk and Portsmouth's Central Business District and to the Portsmouth Marine Terminal. The 1995 announcements will initiate a strong 1996 construction year for PortCentre.

Portsmouth experienced strong new residential growth in the 1990s with new housing units. The mix of new development in the downtown area is especially encouraging. In addition to new restaurants and businesses, there have been more than 785 new middle and upper income housing units built since 1990. There has been extensive new construction as well as wide-spread renovation of older buildings.

Two publicly appointed boards, the Portsmouth Port Industrial Commission and the Portsmouth Industrial Development Authority, have also contributed greatly to the city's economic growth. Both boards function in a dual capacity as landholder/marketing agent for various publicly owned land throughout the city.

The largest employer in Portsmouth is the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, a government facility with 7,500 employees. Other major Federal employers in the city include the United States Coast Guard Fifth District Headquarters with 1,200 employees and the Naval Regional Medical Center (U.S. Naval Hospital) with 4,500 employees. Shipbuilding and repair, port-related activities, food and clothing manufacturing and distribution, and health care constitute Portsmouth's major private employment base.



Future Portsmouth Waterfront

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Kings Crossing: New Retail Space

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History, scenery beckon visitors

Nestled along the banks of the Elizabeth River lies Portsmouth, rich in more than 300 years of history. Five historic districts still remain displaying a rich diversity of architectural styles.

One example is the Olde Towne Historic District. This old English district has the largest collection of original old homes between Alexandria, Va., and Charleston, S.C.

Floating directly into the lower Chesapeake Bay, the Elizabeth River (the world's deepest natural harbor) is a perfect backdrop for attractions, restaurants and year-round festivals.

The beautifully renovated Portsmouth waterfront is surrounded by a brick seawall which graces the waterfront and leads to the Portside Marketplace.

From April through October, this festive area features 11 open-air restaurants and nightly musical entertainment. From jazz to acoustic, there is something for every music lover.

With one of the oldest working harbors in the

country, spectators may see a wide range of shipping vessels pass by. Portsmouth is home to the world's oldest working shipyard, the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, which dates back to 1767. It has felt the impact of 10 wars and flown six flags representing four sovereign powers. As a result, this city's longevity with the military transcends centuries.

For an interesting and informative tour of the harbor, board the Carrie B., a reproduction Mississippi riverboat for captive narrated commentary.

In a few short blocks, nearby museums, restaurants and shops are only minutes away. Many of these adventures lead directly to High Street, which is the city's main thoroughfare. Visit the state's largest children's museum and discover more than 65 hands-on exhibits and a unique planetarium. One of 12 of its kind in the country, the planetarium features educational shows on the universe as well as summer laser shows.

Don't let the name fool you! The museum has something

for every age group.

The adventure may be continued by exploring the city's other five museums ranging from naval history to art: unique tours of the historic district; or spend the day at the family-oriented Portsmouth City Park and Golf Course.

As the sun sets over the Elizabeth River, Portsmouth is equally stunning by night. Evenings are exciting in this city, a time to sample one of the many fine-dining restaurants or watch a live Broadway production at the respondent Willett Hall. And, don't forget the Commodore Theatre, a restored 1945 art-deco movie theater, featuring dinner and first-run movies.

Where the old and the new come together, this historical district is accessible by land or sea. Olde Towne Portsmouth is the perfect seaport town to begin your adventure of the Hampton Roads area. Downtown Norfolk is a short five-minute ferry ride away; Virginia Beach is a 30-minute drive; and the historic Williamsburg triangle is reachable in 45 minutes.

Bishops Green: An affordable new "move-up" community

The past year marked the opening of Bishops Green, a new community in the Churchland area that will eventually have more than 300 single family homes — qualifying as one of Portsmouth's largest residential subdivisions.

Developed by Genesis Group, who has created such prestigious communities as River Walk in Chesapeake, Bishops Green is set up for a three-phase construction process. Phase I provides for 102 homes.

The single, enclosed entrance off Twin Pines Road is flanked by a series of trellised structures and plantings that lend an airy and prestigious flavor. No through traffic will use these roads, assuring residents a quiet community.

Bordering this first phase are dense stands of trees, giving the entire site a wooded backdrop. Most perimeter lots back up to natural creek areas that separate the neighborhood from adjacent developments.

A man-made lake in the center of the site affords water views to two dozen of the home sites. Genesis Group donated a five-

acre park area to the City of Portsmouth. Being developed now, the park will offer residents a place to relax, jog, picnic or just study nature. Because it is a public facility, home owners will not be required to pay a maintenance fee as in "common area" communities.

Four model homes are open every day at noon. Two are by Napolitano Homes, and another two by Genesis Group — one of which was voted "Best Home In Show" in its price category during a recent area-wide competition.

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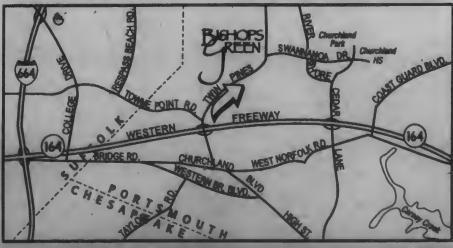
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Council picks district plan

Divides city into seven equal areas

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

City council has established boundaries for seven electoral districts in the city with approximately equal populations.

This is the first change from the current borough system adopted when the city was created by the merger of the City of Virginia Beach (the present Beach Borough) and Princess Anne County.

The selected plan was the last of four submitted and was first proposed by city treasurer John Atkinson. It was later revised by councilmen W.W. Harrison Jr. and John A. Baum and councilwoman Barbara Henley. The version adopted by council Tuesday included a modification made by Election Data Services, the city's consultant and involved a revision in the lines between District 1 and District 2.

Harrison had also proposed names for the districts but Council decided to leave the numbers are names until after the May councilmanic election to avoid confusion - the new districts will not be in place until the 1998 election a — and to allow for public input.

He had suggested naming District 1, Kempsville No. 1; District 2, Kempsville No. 2; District 3, Princess Anne; District 4, Bayside; District 5, Lynnhaven; District 6, Virginia Beach, and District 7, Pungo.

The selected system combines the present boroughs of Blackwater and Pungo with parts of Princess Anne County into District 7.

Maurice Jackson, who led the Council of Civic Organizations on a campaign to establish districts with approximately equal populations years ago, was in the council chambers to savor his victory.

The CCO also submitted a redistricting plan which is similar to the plan selected by Council. He said that he would accept the Harrison/Baum/Henley plan.

Jackson has consistently been interested in dividing the city into equal population districts and in bringing the ward system of voting to the city.

Whether the city will continue its current at-large voting system or will have a combination of at-large and ward voting will be decided

later. The city has scheduled a referendum for the May 7 election to find out what the citizens want. The choices are between continuing the at-large system where district representatives would be elected by all the voters along with the mayor and three at-large council members, or having the voters in each district elect their own representative and to have all the voters elect the mayor and three at-large council members.

Sheldon Conner, president of Virginia Beach Citizens for Electoral Reform, said that establishing the districts is the first step of a two-step process. The redistricting, he said, "makes sense only if we get equal representation for the seven districts (through a ward system)." He added he knew the concept was "not warmly embraced by most (of council)."

The speakers at the public hearing endorsed the CCO plan or the selected plan. Councilman Robert K. Dean CCO plan but withdrew the motion when he learned that the CCO had no problem with the plan that was ultimately selected.

The plan will have to be approved by the General Assembly — council's action will allow the city to meet the Assembly's March 1 deadline — and later must be accepted by the Justice Department.

Based on population figures from the 1990 census, the ideal population for the districts is 56,153. The population for the new districts ranges from \$53,464 for District 7 to 57,681 for District 2. Population in the other districts is 56,436 for District 1; 55,171 for District 3; 56,916 for District 4; 56,432 for District 5; and, 56,969 for District 6.

In redistricting attention was given to avoiding splitting precincts. The selected plan will require the creation of four or five new precincts, each of which would cost about \$11,000 to establish. But in the year 2000, the district lines will have to be changed to conform to new census figures.

Dr. Marlene Hager, city registrar said that the city is always changing precinct lines to meet state requirements that voting precincts have no more than 5,000 voters.

Dean noted that the selection of the plan seemed to be a "fair accomplishment" prior to the council meeting.

Dean recognized the citizens who had fought for redistricting "against incredible odds" and pushed for the referendum who showed that the voters favored redistricting.



Photos by M.J. Knoblock

Winter wonderland...or just more work for the chilled?

As the latest snowstorm swept Virginia Beach, local residents and workers found themselves out in the frigid temperatures. Above, the ramp at the 17th Street Park at the oceanfront proved a perfect sliding adventure for, from left, Amy Barnes, 13, Billy Cochrane, 10, and Lindsay Cochrane, 13. Right, Cox Cable employees Allen Taylor, left, and David Limos worked for several hours to restore service to customers on the Laskin Road corridor. Below, Hillary Hunter and Adam Busch took advantage of the fine slope for sledding at the First Colonial Road exit from Route 44.



Homeless shelter funds OK'ed; site in limbo

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

Although city council has appropriated, by a vote of 10-1, a \$800,000 special purpose grant from the federal government for a homeless shelter, the city seems to be no closer to deciding where to put the shelter.

In fact, the motion to accept the money carried the proviso that the shelter would not be located in the neighborhood of Nottingham Estates South in the Oceana area, one of three locations being considered by the city staff.

And it is also possible that the money won't be spent on a shelter in Virginia Beach. Council discussed the possibility of applying the funds to a Salvation Army project, a regional facility being contemplated for the city of Norfolk.

The appearance at the council meeting Tuesday of what appeared to be representatives from all 30 homes in the Nottingham Estates South subdivision was enough to dash any hopes that finding a site for the shelter would be easy.

R.J. Nutter, representing the homeowners, said that the site being considered by council is 100 yards from the subdivision. The residents are not opposed to the shelter, he said, but - not in my bill. The ordinance is long overdue," he said.

The ordinance was passed by a vote of 10-0. Councilwoman Nancy Parker was absent.

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"There are no homeless people in Nottingham South," he said.

There is no nexus between the homeless and the site and no facilities are available in the neighborhood. The city does not have any facilities around Oceana. He added that there is a large number of wooded areas into which the residents fear the homeless will extend their presence.

Another site being considered on 18th Street in the Beach Borough at least has a nexus between the homeless. He asked that the site be eliminated from consideration, and it was.

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asked whether the money could be distributed to the organizations that are currently caring for the homeless. Vice Mayor William D. Sessions Jr. said that the city should take the opportunity.

"I know we're going to find a spot. Let's find a site."

Accepting the \$800,000, said Mayor Meyer Obendorf, does not mean we would not have a partnership plan.

City Attorney Leslie Lilley said the ordinance accepting the funds is not site specific.

The Rev. Frederick P. Guy, chairman of the Homeless Advisory Committee, said that the churches, synagogues and other organizations now looking after the homeless are in a year-round waiting situation.

"We're looking for leadership and we have people in churches and synagogues waiting to help."

The Rev. Randy Orwig, chairman of the Interfaith Council for Religious Concerns, also supported the appropriation. He said that there is only a certain point to which the churches can go, and the best way to bring services together is through a shelter.

When asked by the mayor whether he thought the churches could come up with financial help, Orwig replied that the churches will do their part. He said that while the contribution of the churches will be mostly in-kind, the churches would also make a dollar contribution. A partnership is the way of the future, he said.

City tightens laws on illegal dumping

By LEE CAHILL

City Council Reporter

The city is getting tough with illegal dumping.

An ordinance adopted Tuesday by city council expands the authority to enforce laws against illegal dumping. Vanessa Validejulie, assistant city attorney, said that the city wants the message to get out that hazardous waste dumping will not be tolerated.

"We will have extra eyes and ears. We will issue summonses on the spot."

Enforcement of the ordinance is being extended, in addition to inspectors assigned to the departments of public works and housing and neighborhood preservation and police officers, and inspectors of the departments of planning and public utilities to assistance fire marshals. The assistant fire marshals and inspectors will have the authority of police officers including the issuance of notices of violation and summonses. The request to include assistant fire marshals was made by the Fire Marshal's Office.

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effective Feb. 1.

Revisions were made throughout the code to provide more consistent language for more consistent enforcement.

The term "hazardous waste" was added to the violations section to address numerous incidents where hazardous wastes have been illegally deposited on city and private property.

The ordinance also sets the hours of collection of refuse by the private contractor between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. between April 15 and Oct. 15.

Councilwoman Linwood Branch expressed concern that in cases where the refuse is not collected by 10 a.m., the property owner would be liable.

Councilman John A. Baum was concerned that the property owner would be responsible for refuse which was dumped on his/her property by someone else.

Councilman Robert K. Dean urged passage of the ordinance to let would-be violators know that "If you have something hazardous, you're going to have to pay the bill. The ordinance is long overdue," he said.

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plenty of opportunity for input from the citizens. He said that he thought the city could work out an accommodation as it did in the case of the Social Services building. He said that he thought appropriating the money was just the first step and that a site would be found later.

Councilwoman Louisa Strayhorn said that "it was my understanding we had not exhausted all opportunities. Does the staff feel we're not ever going to find a site for this? I had hoped there might be a possibility."

Andrew Friedman, director of housing and neighborhood preservation said that the city does not have a lot of options and that now the possible sites have been narrowed down to two and the Salvation Army option.

Councilman Robert K. Dean

Commentary

Save Our Shelters

This time it's the good samaritans who need a helping hand.

Volunteers of Samaritan House, a non-profit group that provides temporary shelter for victims of homelessness and domestic violence from across Hampton Roads, are racing to raise \$500,000 in one month to keep the doors open at eight facilities facing closure due to federal budget shortfalls.

In a campaign dubbed Save Our Shelters (S.O.S.), volunteers hope to collect the money from residents and businesses between Feb. 14 and March 14. But they can't reach that goal without the public's support. To that end, a meeting has been scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 12 at Cox High School for residents interested in helping this worthwhile cause.

Recent cuts to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development have forced officials to chop funding of a federal program that leases houses to non-profit agencies for \$1 per year. That reduction means that Samaritan House will not be able to renew the leases for eight of its 10 homes. The only way the organization can save its shelters is to raise \$500,000 — the amount needed to purchase the threatened homes.

Each year, Samaritan House provides temporary housing to more than 600 people who fall victim to homelessness or domestic violence. About 65 percent of the victims who stay at Samaritan House are children age 10 and younger.

Victims can stay at the shelter up to 45 days. During their visit, they participate in support groups, parenting and health education classes, and job information training, among other programs, to help them get back on their feet. Counselors also help them find them affordable, permanent housing.

Eliminating any of the Samaritan House services would deeply affect citizens dependent on them. Although the organization assists more than 600 people annually, that number represents only 9 percent of those seeking refuge at Samaritan House. Because the shelters were full, 91 percent of the people who knocked on its doors for help were turned away. The 10 existing shelters can house up to 105 people at a time. Since its start, 1,500 families have foundshelter and transitional housing through the organization.

But now the helping hand needs help — and you can provide it. Now it is your turn to be the good samaritan.

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He'll send troops, but would he fight?

How sad it is that Sgt. First Class Donald A. Dugan will be remembered as the first U.S. soldier to die on "peacekeeping duty" in Bill Clinton's war "called" Bosnia.

It was first reported that Dugan had been killed by a land mine. NATO has now issued a statement saying that the explosion probably was not a land mine first reported.

NATO said, "indications are that Dugan did not step on a mine or cause a tripwire to activate a mine. It added that there was no evidence of any hostile action against him."

Give me a break. Is NATO suggesting that some unknown sinister force contributed to Dugan's death, or are they going to give us the old USS Iowa theory that Dugan was responsible for his own death?

I don't give a damn what NATO says; I want to hear what Bill Clinton has to say. You can bet your bottom dollar that the Clinton crowd will put a spin on it that would put Hitler's propagandist Joseph Goebbels to shame.

How he was killed is less important than why he was over there in the first place. The Balkan nations have fought each other for more than 500 years. It is just too much to believe that the enmity will disappear in the 12 months that Bill Clinton says it will take to bring "peace" to Bosnia. The Clinton administration spokesmen continue to say that we had to send troops to Bosnia to protect our "values," but have yet to explain to the American people just what those "values" are.

Another troubling aspect is the position that is being taken by some of the Republican leaders in Washington. Sen. John McCain said on national television that his calls from his constituents are 100 to 1 against the president sending troops to Bosnia, but he supports the president.

Sen. Bob Dole, the wannabe president, also supports Clinton. If Dole doesn't have the guts to stand up to Clinton now, what would he do in a head-to-head presidential race?

Many of the people's representatives say that they support Clinton actions because they don't want to embarrass him in front of our NATO allies. If he hasn't already been embarrassed by his past conduct, he never will be. Time will pass and Sgt. First Class Donald Dugan will be forgotten except for his family and friends, who will never be able to fill the void. Dugan's daughter, Lisa, said, "I don't understand why my father is dead, because he was supposed to be over there keeping peace. I would like Bill Clinton to explain that to me."

Sadly, Clinton answered that question when his White House press secretary, Mike McCurry said, "That is a risk this president thinks is well worth it."

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Letter to the editor

Pull out your pencils, Tidewater, and try a penpal

Editor:

I am writing to inquire if any of your newspaper readers would be interested in corresponding with me, as I should like, if possible, to have a penfriend from the Tidewater area. I would like to learn about the history.

My husband and I live in a pleasant, semi-rural area close to the Robin Hood country. We also live very near historic 12th-century Newstead Abbey, once the home of the poet Lord Byron. I recently worked as a

guide at Newstead Abbey.

I have one daughter, and my hobbies include reading, music, history, country walking, foreign travel and visiting different parts of the British Isles.

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Brrr...baby, it's cold outside!

There's an adage that goes something like "you'd better be careful what you ask for, because you just might get it."

Funny, I never really took those words to heart until last Friday, when

I came home from work to a stone cold house and two shivering pets. The thermostat registered a low 45 degrees as I busted to light candles and seek the warmth of a wool blanket.

Yep, our neighborhood was one of the many affected by the weekend/snowstorm that walloped Hampton Roads with a liberal dose of the white stuff. As Evan and I froze our butts off for the next two days, I continually kicked myself for wishing "let it snow, let it snow, let it snow" again.

Guess my dream came true in a mighty big way. As much as I love this wintry wonder, I'm ready for spring to make a hasty entrance and bring with it warm breezes and blue skies. More snow? Bah, humbug!

For those of you who were lucky enough not to lose your power, I kept a careful mental record of the 50 long hours that the Hechis household weathered the storm, the pun the pun. Believe me, I would have been happy to trade places with any of you "powered" people for even a few moments.

The electricity officially went off at 12:07 p.m. on Friday, according to a wall clock and my husband, who had gone home for lunch that afternoon. With no lights or heat, he scooted up to McDonald's for a quick meal before returning to work — sure that the "juice" would be back on by the time he got home that night.

But God and the heat had other ideas.

Once together in our freezing home, Evan and I decided to bundle up in bed with flashlights, candles and books. Amazingly, even with a pound of covers over us, the cold air still nipped our cheeks. And besides, we were hungry, too.

"I'm sick of this!" I declared after an hour or so. "We're going somewhere where there is electricity. You're taking me out to eat!" (Guess I wouldn't qualify for the Pioneer of the Year Award, eh?)

By the time we got home again, of course, there was still no heat — and the house was even colder than before.

With no television to watch and drowsy from the chilling air, we piled on layers of clothes — long johns, socks and more socks, turbancks and sweatshirts — and hit the sack. I snuggled extra close to Evan, hoping to absorb some of his body heat.

To tell the truth, we both slept very

well. Opening my eyes, I glanced over at the electric alarm clock. Still dark. Still no power.

That's when Evan suggested I make some breakfast.

"With what?" I laughed. "Rub some sticks together and start a fire in the kitchen floor?"

"Wicky," he said with irritation, "we have a gas stove. That means it's working!"

"Really?" I asked dumbfounded. "I didn't realize that!"

Sure, it was only 8 a.m., but I opened a couple of cans of beef stew to暖 up some hot chocolate.

The kitchen would be my domain Saturday and Sunday. After all, the snow meant heat. Heat meant I wouldn't freeze. That was good.

Evan sacked out in the den and desperately searched for batteries for our mini-television. Even though the screen is only four-inches wide, he reasoned, it's better than nothing.

Later that morning, after baking a cake and cleaning the kitchen from top to bottom (boredom at its finest), I announced to Evan that I had to go out. I had a story to do and pictures to take for the newspaper.

"You're taking the car out on those roads," he insisted.

"But I have to," I countered rather grumpily. "All you care about is that stupid car!"

Cabin fever was beginning to set in. Determined, I got dressed as Evan sheepishly asked if he could drive me around. I don't know if he wanted to get out of the cold house or to protect the car, but I agreed.

Very few cars were as we maneuvered the BMV over ice-covered roads. A pretty snow blanketed everything, although huge limbs were down all over the place. In a few areas, bright yellow police tape marked "No cross walk" was stretched across streets where power lines had fallen. Occasionally, we'd run across a child playing in his yard or pulling a sled.

This pretty scene, combined with the steady heat from the car's engine, made me pleasantly drowsy once my story was done and I'd taken plenty of snow pictures. To tell the truth, we really didn't want to go back to the cold house, so I began his search of seemingly every wholesaler and hardware store in the area for a kerosene or propane heater.

His efforts were for naught as every salesclerk greeted him with, "Gee, buddy, you should have come yesterday" and "Sorry, we're all out."

At home again, I hit the kitchen. I was becoming good friends with the stove by now. Meanwhile, Evan packed the floor and kept calling local hardware stores. As luck would have it, one just two blocks from our house had just unloaded one from the truck.

He was gone in a flash, returning triumphantly 20 minutes later with his "prize."

This is the only one they got. The guy at the store told me I'd better take it and it ran because five other guys were on the way up there for it, too!

We set up our "salvation" in the kitchen near the den door and put up

a sheet to block off the rest of the bed. Evan made a makeshift bed on us on the den floor and brought in lots of candles. Slowly, the temperature climbed. Our pets looked at the heater with curiosity, but I suspect that even they were grateful for its warmth.

That evening we settled into our second night without electricity. But, hey, at least we'd be warm and eat well. That's a lot more than some of our neighbors could say. After dinner, we huddled around the tiny TV and watched a stupid movie.

After a fitful night's sleep on the floor (boy, did I have one heck of a backache), the power still wasn't on — and our attitudes were "hot." Church was cancelled, and more newsworthy lay on the ground. Sadly, I looked at the refrigerator and realized all our food was probably going bad.

Then I had an idea from a movie about pioneers that I'd seen years back: I'd bury my food in the snow! That way it would be kept frozen — provided some animal didn't dig it up first! But the only one I had to really worry about was our dog, Kola, and I could keep an eye on her when she went out in the back yard.

Any neighbors looking over the fence would must have thought I was a mad woman as I buried a ham and packs of ground beef, among other things!

With that job done, I was still cabin crazy.

"You're driving me nuts!" Evan declared when I said I absolutely had to leave the house to buy dish washing liquid.

Muttering, he did the same. Then we locked doors and trudged half a mile up to the nearest supermarket on my quest for Palmolive.

"My ears are stinging!" he griped. "Well, my legs are cold!" I countered.

I was beginning to think this wasn't such a great idea after all as we neared the store. To warm ourselves, we bought steaming cups of hot chocolate for the way back.

At 2:30 p.m., we were all nestled in our makeshift bed on the floor, watching that teensy television when the room suddenly lit up. The ceiling light was on. You'd have thought we'd won the lottery by the way Evan and I were dancing around.

Electricity! Power! Heat! Finally! "Thank you, Virginia Power. Thank you!" we said fervently.

And so the " ordeal" was over. Evan and I hadn't killed each other, which was good, nor were we sick from the cold.

Pulling up our "bed" that evening, I smiled at Evan as we watched a basketball game on the big TV.

"Sure you don't want to sleep in here on the floor again tonight?" I asked coyly.

"Not even close," he grinned, turning back to the television.

Guess our "pioneer" days were over after all.

Older Adult Services fulfilling needs for Beach's senior citizens

As you may have noticed, our population is aging. Not only are the residents of Virginia Beach aging, but large numbers of older adults are finding this an attractive place to enjoy their retirement. Today, I would like to begin a three-part series on some of the services that the city offers to older adults and their families.

The city has a agency especially devoted to meeting the needs of our older citizens and their families. Older Adult Services (O.A.S.) is a division of comprehensive Mental Health Services and is one of the city's three divisions of Community Services Board.

Today, we will focus upon the O.A.S. Day Support Program, which was recently cited in the publication *Mental Health and Aging Programs That Work*.

The Day Support Program is designed to help prevent or delay the institutionalization of older adults who have some type of mental health problem. In other words, it helps people 60 and older to maintain their independence and quality of life for as long as possible. Day Support provides an opportunity for clients to socialize with others in their age group, and a chance for them to participate in structured activities.

Clients attend the program one to three days per week, depending upon their level of need and the availability of transportation. The program's hours are Monday-Friday from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Hot lunches are provided by SEVAMP (the area agency on aging). Fees for the program are based upon the client's ability to pay on a sliding fee scale.

Neighborhood Institute opportunity

Orienteering for the Neighborhood Institute conducted by the Virginia Beach/Department of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation and Norfolk State University/School of Social Sciences will be held Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.

The Neighborhood Institute will play a key role in helping individuals understand and participate in the dynamic process of making Virginia Beach a better place to live.

The purpose of leadership training is to provide current and prospective community leaders with the tools and knowledge that will help them effectively develop and lead neighborhood-based civic organizations. The course is designed to provide structured discussions of how neighborhood residents can maintain or improve the quality of their communities through informal dialogue and active participation.

Course objectives:

- To expand the pool of skilled neighborhood leaders;
- To broaden the participant's understanding of municipal government and the community;
- To encourage participants to develop partnerships for neighborhood improvement;
- To encourage the building of a

THE ARTS

'He Say, She Say' brings show to Willett Hall

Willett Hall presents the gospel musical stage play, "He Say, She Say...But What Does God Say?" on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 20-21. Show time is 8 p.m.

From Writer/Director David E. Talbert comes a gospel musical for the entire family. It's the story of True Vine Church, headed by Pastor Steven Jackson (Kirk Franklin) and Deacon Witherspoon (Ernest Thomas), and their battle to overcome the negative forces in their community.

Local gangster and Nite Club owner Sain Jones (Sid Burston) and his sassy lady Margerine (Bernadette Stanis) decide that they've had it with True Vine Church and want to remove them from the block where they both share ownership. The plan is to remove them within 60 days by buying them out.

"He Say, She Say...But What Does God Say?" deals with the very current problems of drugs and drug dealers and how they are glamorized. But, most importantly, this dynamic stage play deals with the power a small church has in

Mary Grace Gordon set to perform with Beach Symphony

Singer and actress Mary Grace Gordon will appear with the Virginia Beach Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of David S. Kunkel, for a performance of popular show tunes by Rodgers and Hammerstein, as well as Lerner and Loewe.

The concert, which is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11 at the Pavilion Theatre in Virginia Beach, will also feature an orchestral work by local composer Harvey Stokes.

Gordon, who is no stranger to the role of leading lady, has appeared as Abigail in "1776," Meg in "Damn Yankees," Marion in "Music Man," and Laurey and Oklahoma," among others. She has most recently appeared in Philadelphia at the Media Theatre for the Performing Arts as Mother Abbess in the "Sound of Music."

Among her proudest accomplishments are singing the role of Laurie in "The Tenderside" conducted by Aaron Copland, performing for former Presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan and being a finalist in the Florida Metropolitan Opera Auditions.

Attention artists!

The Cricket on the Hearth Craft Show, sponsored by Preceptor Alpha Xi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, has booth openings for exhibitors. The craft show will be held at the Virginia Beach Pavilion July 5-7. The cost of the booth is \$100 for three days. Proceeds from the show will be donated to various miscellaneous charities in the local area. To receive an application, call 497-8593 or 431-8280.

Portsmouth Arts Center slates film on Faberge's "Russian Treasures"

The Arts Center of the Portsmouth Museums presents "Russian Treasures by Faberge," a 30-minute film at noon on Feb. 12 describing the wide variety of objects of fantasy produced by Faberge while reviewing historical events that happened in his lifetime as part of the Museum Monday program.

Peter Carl Faberge is considered one of the greatest jewelers of all times. His work spanned the reigns of the last three tsars of Russia: Alexander II, Alexander III and Nicholas II. Many of these objects produced at Faberge workshops in Moscow and St. Petersburg were commissioned by royal patrons and make up a large portion of the Lillian Thomas Pratt Collection of the Virginia Museum of Fine Art.

Curator Dr. Peter Mooy will present an introductory lecture on Russian art after the film to coincide with the current exhibition, "Hidden Russian Treasures," which is free and open to the public. Beverages will be provided by The Arts Center and a "brown-bag" lunch is suggested.

For reservations, contact Lorrie Masternak at 393-8453 as seating is limited.

taking back the community from gangsters and helping give it back to God. In a world where we hear so much "He Say and She Say," it's refreshing to know what "God Has to Say!"

Featured songs include "The Reason Why We Sing," "He Can Handle It," "He's Able," "Silver and Gold," "Real Love" and many, many more.

Tickets are \$18.50 for the Feb. 20 performance and \$21.50 for the Feb. 21 show. Tickets are available at all TicketMaster locations, including the Willett Hall Box Office, or, charge by phone, 671-8100.

Willett Hall, a 2,000 seat auditorium is situated in a quiet residential community and offers plenty of free parking, only steps from the front door. The auditorium has intimate seating with the last row of sets only 175 feet from the stage. Willett Hall also boasts the best acoustics in Hampton Roads. The hall is accessible for the disabled.

For directions, call 393-5144.

Generic Theater offers poignant 'Marvin's Room'

The Generic Theater's third show of the 1995-96 season is "Marvin's Room" by Scott McPherson.

Initially produced in New York by Playwright Horizons, the play received the Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle awards for "Best Play" in 1992. Betty Xander directs the Generic's production.

The story is a poignant, intelligent and often comical tribute to the power of love. Bessie has been caring for her bedridden father, Marvin, who has been dying of cancer for 20 years. She also cares of Marvin's aged sister Ruth, who suffers the effects of collapsed vertebrae. When Bessie is diagnosed with leukemia, her sister Lee returns with her two teen-age sons to be tested as donors for Bessie's bone marrow transplant.

"It is a powerful play," said Xander, "I faced with scenes that will have you laughing through your tears."

Playwright McPherson wrote the play at age 32 after being diagnosed with AIDS. McPherson has since died.

"McPherson's play is not about AIDS. It's not even about cancer," said Xander. "It's about unconditional love and the power



"MARVIN'S ROOM." The Generic Theater presents this poignant drama about life, death and love beginning Feb. 23 and running through March 17. Call 441-2160 for tickets.

it has to change lives in ways most of us can't even imagine."

"Marvin's Room" opens Friday, Feb. 23 and runs through Sunday, March 17. Evening performances are Thursday, Fri-

day and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 for Thursday and Friday, Feb. 23 and runs through Sunday, March 17. Evening performances are Thursday, Fri-

day and Sunday only. For reservations call the Generic Theater at 441-2160.

The Generic Theater is an independent, non-profit, professional theater.

ART BRIEFS

The Governor's School for the Arts is presenting "I Have A Dream," a salute to black history and black entertainers featuring the Voices of Virginia. It is a musical journey through history from slavery to freedom, segregation to equality, and features the music of Scott Joplin.

Also appearing is the Governor's School Orchestra, Chorus and the Dance Department.

The show is at Chrysler Hall on Feb. 14 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door: \$6 adults, \$4 students and seniors.

Virginia Opera's Education Department has cancelled their Family Series scheduled for Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. at the Harrison Opera House. The Family Series will be rescheduled for a later date.

Hope House Foundation, a non-profit organization founded in 1964 which provides support services for people with developmental disabilities, announces an "Artist Reception" to be held on Feb. 15 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Hope House Foundation Thrift Shop, located at 1800 Monicello Ave. in Norfolk.

The Hope House Foundation Thrift Shop will feature a local painter, Jane Ballance. The artist will exhibit her work throughout the month of February. The Hope House Foundation Thrift Shop features a new artist each month. The thrift shop will receive 20 percent of the artists' sales.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Civic

Regional representatives from the cities of Norfolk and Chesapeake have been invited to attend and join in discussion on issues involving Virginia Beach's neighboring cities at city councilwoman Louisa Strayhorn's (Kempsville Borough) monthly town meeting. The meeting is to be held on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at Tallwood High School, 1668 Kempsville Rd. from 7 - 9 p.m.

Clubs

Don Maxwell, director of Economic Development for Virginia Beach, will speak on "City Development Projects and Plans" at the monthly meeting of the Princess Anne AARP chapter, Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 1 p.m. at the Princess Anne Recreation Center, 1400 Ferrell Pkwy. Visitors are welcome. Prior to the meeting, the Virginia Beach Health Department will provide a free blood pressure screening.

Tidewater Environmental Network (TEN) is sponsoring a free demonstration of a Toastmasters meeting in order to form an environmental Toastmasters Club which will serve as a source for a speakers' bureau for the region. All interested parties are invited to attend at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10. The meeting will be held at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 470 Newtown Rd., near Virginia Beach Boulevard. Call 460-0750 for more information.

The Tidewater Division of the National Model Railroad Association will hold its February meet starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 at Virginia Wesleyan College's Village 2 Commons, 1584 Wesleyan Dr. The meet will spotlight the former Pennsylvania Railroad, featuring videotapes and slides on the "Pennsy," as well as a clinic on building a model of a Pennsylvania Railroad box car. The meet will also feature a clinic on model water tower construction, "white elephant" table of model railroad items for sale, floor prizes and refreshments.

United Cerebral Palsy of Southeastern Virginia will be holding the next Southside Parent Support Group meeting on Feb. 15. The meeting topic will be "Unconditional love: a discussion of the definition and the role it plays in the family." The meeting will be held at the offices of United Cerebral Palsy of Southeastern Virginia from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Babysitting services are available. For more information, contact Suzanne Buhner at 497-747.

Dr. David H. Ahrenholz, butterfly authority and photographer and nationally-known burn surgeon, will be the speaker at the upcoming meeting of the Butterfly Society of Virginia on Sunday, Feb. 18. His subject will be butterfly photography. The meeting will be at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of the Virginia Beach Central Library. The meeting is free and open to the public. For information, contact Jeanne Petersen at 497-6974.

Princess Anne Woman's Club of Virginia Beach will meet on Tuesday Feb. 13 at 11 a.m. at Tandon's Pine Tree Inn.

Education

Windsor Oaks Elementary School will celebrate its 28th anniversary on Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Founder's Day PTA meeting. Dr. Katherine Kersey will be the guest speaker. Reflections contest winners will be announced and recognized.

Arrowhead Elementary School will be hosting the annual PTA Book Fair during the week of Feb. 12 - 16. Parent Night will be on Tuesday, Feb. 13 3:30 - 7 p.m. A door prize drawing will be held for free books. The PTA Reflections Award Assembly will follow at 7 p.m. The book fair provided by Scholastic Book Fairs, is also sponsoring a student coloring contest. One winner will be chosen from each grade level. Prizes will be a \$5 coupon to be used at the book fair.

To celebrate Heart Month, the Tranquill Elementary School PTA together with "Ocean Fitness" is hosting a Valentine's Day

cardiovascular fitness program for students in second through fifth grade called "Healthy Hearts for Kids."

This event will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 14 from 3:15 - 4:15 in the Tranquill Elementary School cafeteria. For more information, call Ann Stern at 496-3635 or Paula Demethenes at 496-6777.

An "indemnified servant" will visit the students of Arrowhead Elementary School on Friday, Feb. 16 at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. This program is part of the Outreach Program through Chrysler Museum. The "indemnified servant," staying in character throughout the entire program, will present what life is like for him. This presentation is part of the students' studies regarding the life in early Virginia.

The Virginia Beach Community Action Resource Empowerment (CARE) Program awards scholarships to graduating seniors in good standing at Virginia Beach high schools. The maximum award is \$500 and can be made each semester upon application completion. All applications must be in by May 31. For more information, contact Lorraine Nesmith at 427-8132.

Kempville Middle School's PTA has announced a spring Open House for rising sixth graders to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. in the school's auditorium. Students and their parents are invited to come tour the school. Staff members and students will be available to answer questions.

The Admissions Office at Ferrum College will be holding a Student Information Session at the Clarion Resort and Conference Center in Virginia Beach on Wednesday, March 13 beginning at noon. The event is open to all interested in receiving information on a Ferrum College education. Ferrum's director of financial aid, academic dean, faculty, alumni, current students and admissions representatives will be on hand to answer questions and provide material to interested high school students.

String student from three schools are combining their talents to present a recital for parents, neighbors and friends on Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. in the John B. Dey Cafeteria. Grade five students from John B. Dey, grades six, seven, and eight from Great Neck Middle and a soloist from Cox High School will perform under the direction of strings teacher Jeannie DeDominic.

Miscellaneous

An U.S. Navy Reunion of the U.S.S. Sperry (AS-12) will be held Sept. 5 - 7 in Minneapolis, Minn. Contact Jim Taylor at 5081 Holly Farms Dr., Virginia Beach, Va., 23462, or call 490-2462.

Recreation

Inventories, wills and other Princess Anne County court records will be utilized in a special tour at the historic Francis Land House in Virginia Beach. The tour, entitled "All in a Day's Work: The Plantation Slaves," will be on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. and will explore the daily life of the slaves of the 18th-century Francis Land Plantation. This tour is included in the regular admission price of \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for students (6 to 18). Reservations are required. Call 431-4000 for information and reservations.

It's that time of the year again! Cape Henry Collegiate is hosting its Grand Auction with the theme "Roaring 20's" on Feb. 24. The Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel with the Hotel Paradise Roof Garden Orchestra.

There will be almost 400 items from elegant boutiques, dramatically decorated theme gift baskets, sporting equipment, portrait sessions with Bill McIntosh and Andrew Carney among others.

Admission is \$100 per couple and includes dinner, dancing entertainment and an open bar. Mail checks to CHCS Auction/PFA, Hospitality Chairman, 1320 Mill Dam Rd., Virginia Beach, VA, 23454.

Religion

"The Kingdom of the Divine Will Conference — An Introduction to the Fulfillment of the Lord's Prayer and the Glorious New Era of the Reign of the Divine Will" will take place at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 3314 Sandra Ln. in

Virginia Beach on Friday, Feb. 16 and Saturday, Feb. 17. Guest speakers will be the Rev. B. Thomas Celio, spiritual guide and theological consultant for the Cause of Beatification of Luisa Piccarreta, and Thomas Fahy from the Luisa Piccarreta Center of the Divine Will. There is no fee for this conference, and lunch and dinner on Saturday are included at no charge. A love offering, however, will be taken up for the expenses of the speakers.

The schedule is as follows: Friday, Feb. 16, 7:30 - 9 p.m., introductory lecture on the Divine Will; Saturday, Feb. 17 9 a.m., mass; 10:15 a.m., lecture; 11:30 a.m., rosary; noon, lunch; 1:30 p.m., lecture; 3 p.m., Divine Mercy chapter; 3:15 p.m., lecture; 5 p.m., dinner; Sunday, Feb. 18, 6 p.m., Sunday vigil mass; 7 p.m., lecture; 9 p.m., closing prayers. For more information, call Anna at 3421-1051 or Teresa at 427-7467.

The founder of One Church-One Child, Rev. George Clements, will be the scheduled guest speaker at Catholic Charities of Hampton Roads' 63rd Annual Meeting on March 3. The meeting will begin with a 9 a.m. mass at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Norfolk. Brunch will follow to include a special presentation by Clements.

Clements founded One Church-One Child which calls for every church to place one homeless child with a family. Since its inception, more than 50,000 have found homes. Clements also began One Church-One-Addict in 1994 to help recovering addicts find support from their religious communities. All are invited to attend the meeting. Price of the brunch is \$12. Call 467-7707 to register.

A grinch? Not Spore!

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

City Manager James K. Spore is not the grinch who stole Mt. Trashmore.

Councilwoman Louisa Strayhorn

sees Spore as more than a savior, a life saver, than a grinch and she said so at this week's council meeting.

But she said the people out there are calling Spore a grinch for closing Mount Trashmore to sledding.

"I understand perfectly," said Strayhorn, why he made the decision to close Mount Trashmore.

"It was unbelievable the number of incidents (that took place there), the number of broken bones."

"It's unfair," she said, "to characterize Spore as the Grinch who stole Mount Trashmore."

She said that the hospitals had been receiving the carnage from Mount Trashmore had been after him to please close Mount Trashmore.

"We have to think of all the elderly people who may need the ambulance (that was posted outside of Trashmore)."

Then council adopted an ordinance confirming the city manager's declaration of a local emergency due to the ice storm and dangerous cold wave which hit the city on Feb. 2 and 3.

Seatack Rec Center contract is awarded

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

Virginia Beach City Council has awarded the construction contract for the Seatack Community Center expansion bringing the long-awaited project closer to reality.

Although the project cost has risen from \$1.9 million to \$3,228,650, the project won approval from nine councilmembers. Councilman Robert K. Dean dissented after questioning the increased cost of the project, and councilwoman Nancy Parker was absent.

McKenzie Construction was awarded the construction contract for \$2,431,500 the low bid of 12 after Golden Eagle Contracting withdrew his bid due to errors. Golden Eagle had been low bidder.

The expansion will include meeting rooms, a gymnasium, a six-lane, 25-meter swimming pool, associated offices and storage space and additional parking.

The project was put in the Capital Budget after years of campaigning by Seatack residents who wanted a center in their neighborhood.

Veteran watermen share mixed opinion on cold's damage to seafood harvest

By JANE ROWE
Sun Correspondent

There are oysters in North Carolina and there was a bumper crop of rockfish in Back Bay earlier this season, but some say that cold weather and storms are making things tough in the seafood business this winter.

Local seafood retailers say that the fish harvests, which have been in a down cycle for the past several years, are starting to rebound. And, they say, it's still possible to buy oysters caught in North Carolina or around the Eastern Shore despite news reports that disease and overharvesting have wiped out the bivalves in these areas.

They disagree, however, about how much this season's bad weather is affecting the seafood industry. While high winds and tides make it too dangerous to fish on the ocean or the Chesapeake Bay, some say that the Back Bay waterman isn't bothered too much by stormy conditions.

"It doesn't really get that rough on the Bay," said Robert Whitehurst, who runs Pungo Fish House. That sheltered, inland body of water "doesn't get that life-threatening," Whitehurst continued. "It might be a little rough and choppy so that you make it hard on yourself when you go out there, but you can pretty much go if you're need to do it."

Thomas Blanton, who owns Margie and Ray's, a Sandbridge Road crabhouse, disagreed. Bad weather drives the fish out, keeps the watermen on shore and forces seafood prices up for the consumer," he said. "When there's a real bad northeaster, people can't get out in their boats."

This fall's early cold "drove the shrimp down South" earlier than usual this year, Blanton added. They normally migrate from North Carolina to the deep South during the winter, "but they might have stayed a little longer than they did this year if it hadn't gotten so cold."

He also contends that rockfishing on Back Bay, which was excellent earlier this season, has declined recently because the water is unusually cold.

Although Blanton said that so far he's been able to keep enough seafood in stock for his customers, some local seafood markets had to turn away



OH, TO SAIL THE WAVES. High winds and rain have kept fishermen and their boats ashore too many days in recent months.

customers looking for fresh seafood on a recent stormy day. Whitehurst, however, said he's fully stocked with many varieties of seafood, including speckled trout from Sandbridge and perch and catfish from Back Bay.

"It's (the seafood industry) made a remarkable comeback in the last two or three years," he said. "If the next two or three are as good, you might be able to make a living at this again."

As a boy, Whitehurst helped his father at the fish house before he took over the business himself. Although the number of white perch being caught is down from what he remembers in his youth, other fish are more plentiful now.

"It goes in cycles," he said. "That's what the old-timers tell me."

"White perch has decreased since about 1990," he said. I had 104 pounds come in yesterday, and during the 1980s we'd have 2,000 pounds come in during a day, that's a big difference."

TROUT, Whitehurst said, which the older watermen say were on "down cycle" earlier this century, have been on the rebound in recent years. Rockfish was also good in the fall and early winter, "but down here we're on an up cycle with the crabs this summer," he said.

"You hear a lot of people complaining about the crabs being on the down cycle," he said. "Down here (in southern Virginia Beach and northeastern North Carolina) we're on an up cycle."

Weather conditions and saltier water encouraged the crabs which normally stay in the ocean into the Currituck Sound's tributaries

last summer, creating a boom for crabs in that area.

Some seafood retailers are selling oysters from Texas and Louisiana, but Whitehurst and Blanton agree that there are still some North Carolina and Chesapeake Bay oysters around if you're willing to pay the price.

"The seaside oysters (from the ocean side of the Chesapeake Bay) are real clean now," Whitehurst said. "But they're very expensive, the ones from down South are a little cheaper. We're also getting some from North Carolina, but they don't get as big as the Texas oysters."

"There are still some local oysters around but they cost a little more," agreed Blanton. "I picked up some oysters from North Carolina this week, and there are some Eastern Shore oysters too."

Oysters are likely to force the prices of all seafood up, Blanton said, "because if only one person can get out and catch fish, those two fish are going to be more valuable."

The weather also affects human behavior and cuts into Blanton's business. "It's terrible, it hasn't helped things at all," he said. "When it gets down into the 20s and 30s people just don't want to get out."

Whitehurst, however, said that this winter really hasn't been too much worse than most.

"From December to February it always rough going," he said. "I'm waiting for the trout and bluefish to start migrating back North (in southern Virginia Beach and northeastern North Carolina) that's the best time. Pungo's always a little slow during the winter. But once it's spring and the flowers start blooming everything comes back into place."

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Virginia Beach's cream of the crop picked for recognition

By M.J. KNOBLOCK
Sun Correspondent

Nearly 400 volunteers gathered last week at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott to receive a little thanks for donating their time to the community.

The Hampton Roads Volunteer Achievement Awards, presented to outstanding volunteers, featured a banquet and award ceremony.

Awards were presented to 33 winners including individuals, groups, non-profit programs and a corporation. Honorable mentions were given to an additional 80 volunteers.

"I see it as a celebration of their accomplishments and volunteering in general in Hampton Roads," said Jill Ferguson, volunteer coordinator for Volunteer Hampton Roads (formerly The Volunteer Connection of Hampton Roads).

"We try to pick people who are nominated through the community that show outstanding service, but also show a wide variety of volunteering," she added.

Volunteers from every city in Hampton Roads were represented. They spent time as docents at local museums, helping hands at health care clinics, and organizing or overseeing Scouting troops and other youth programs, among others.

"It's taking initiative to start programs. It is dedicating a lifelong of service. Some of these people have been serving for 35 years," Ferguson said. "They do outstanding accomplishments, such as building the Chesapeake playground — things that really benefit and impact the community. They really go the extra mile."

The evening opened with a few words from co-hosts Rear Admiral Robert S. Cole, commander, Naval Base Norfolk, and Scott Rigel, president of Freedom Ford, who encouraged the volunteers to mix and mingle with others at their table.

"All you volunteers have a story to tell about how you've helped



TO HONOR YOU. Television personality Joe Flanagan welcomed honored volunteers and their guests at a recent awards banquet.

someone else," Rigel said.

Cole added, "This is really what regionalism is all about. This is the best of what America has to offer, and this is what volunteerism is all about."

One group awarded for its volunteerism in the community is United Cerebral Palsy's Kids on the Block puppets, which has performed at many local public and private schools since its inception in October.

"Kids on the Block puppets are designed to teach kids about kids with disabilities and we go to all the different middle schools and do several different programs; cerebral palsy, siblings — brothers and sisters of people with disabilities, Down Syndrome," said one puppeteer, Gary Scribner, who lives in Kempsville. "We have plans in the future to do other programs. We have plans to expand."

The group also performs shows in other parts of Hampton Roads, and, to date, has reached about 7,000 students.

"The schools have been very receptive, and so have the kids," he said. "We've been getting more and more calls to come out. I think we're spreading a very good message. I think it's been accepted so

well because the kids like the puppets. They actually talk to the puppets."

Scribner, who attended the awards dinner with his puppet, Mark Riley, looked at his counterpart as he described it.

Modeled after a real child, the puppet is a wheelchair-bound 11-year-old boy with bright orange-red hair and big blue eyes. He has cerebral palsy and is a twin brother who does not have the disorder.

Each puppeteer has a different puppet representing a different character. The group uses the differences of the puppets to help children better relate to differences in real children they encounter in school, church or in their neighborhoods.

"I think it's a very good message to get out," Scribner explained. "I like working with the puppets and seeing how the kids relate to them."

Many individuals form the Virginia Marine Science Museum were recognized for their volunteer efforts.

One of them is Shirley Emerson, who keeps records on all 790 docents and their 57,000 hours at the museum's gift shop, administration, exhibits and other duties. She has been a volunteer with the museum for 10 years and has tracked her own hours to 5,000.

Bruce and Shirley Jones, a husband and wife team, have each served two consecutive terms as president, and both currently serve as shift captains. The Joneses have designed various exhibits at the museum to better help visitors understand marine life and its impact on the ocean and humanity.

Jason Bullen, 15, is the youngest shift captain in the history of the VMSM. He is responsible for coordinating other volunteers as well as serving as an interpreter for visitors on the dolphin and whale watching trips from Rudee Inlet. He has been volunteering with the museum since about the age of 13.

There were other Virginia Beach volunteers honored at the banquet



Members of the United Cerebral Palsy's Kids on the Block puppets gathered with Scott Rigel, president of Freedom Ford, second from left, and Rear Admiral Robert S. Cole, commander, Naval Base Norfolk, at the Hampton Roads Volunteer Achievement Awards.

Photo by M.J. Knoblock

besides those from the VMSM.

They included Daniel Baxter, a member of the executive committee of the Virginia Beach Clean Community Commission. He helps to oversee Adopt-A-Spot and Earth Day projects, and has taught CPR and First Aid for the American Red Cross to more than 600 individuals and 100 instructors.

Also honored for his service to Virginia Beach was John Bataki, assistant director of the Virginia Beach Auxiliary Police. He is also assigned to the Traffic Enforcement Division, making more than 60 arrests for DUI. He also visited three local hospitals dressed as Santa Claus during the recent Christmas holidays. In addition to working with the police department, he coaches in Plaza Little League.

Joanne DeAngelis serves as a liaison for the United States Coast Guard Families Design and Construction Center and the Virginia Beach and Norfolk departments of social services. She works with programs that place both women and students into volunteer positions within her

Coast Guard command, serves as a foster parent, and organized food and clothing drives during the recent holidays for foster children in area homes.

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Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, February 27, 1996 at 7:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION: KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH

1.

An Ordinance upon Application of Target for a Conditional Change of Zoning District classification from R-5D Residential Duplex District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on the southeast corner of Princess Anne Road and Lynnhaven Parkway. The proposed zoning classification change to B-2 is for general commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban high density residential at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 19 acres.

KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH

2.

An Ordinance upon application of Doris Velma White-Harris for a Change of Zoning District Classification from A-12 Apartment District to R-10 Residential District on the south side of Old Virginia Beach Road, west of S. Birdneck Road. The proposed zoning classification change to R-10 is for single family residential land use on lots no less than 10,000 square feet.

The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban low density residential at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 1171 Old Virginia Beach Road and contains 13,068 square feet.

LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH

3.

An Ordinance upon Application of Development Options, Inc. for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-5D Residential Duplex District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on the east side of Salem Road beginning at a point 1350 feet more or less north of Lynnhaven Parkway. Said parcel contains 23,500 square feet.

KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH

4.

An Application of Development Options, Inc., for the reconsideration of conditions placed on the application for a change of zonings from I-1 AND R-5D to Conditional B-2 on July 1, 1995. Property is located at the northwest corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Princess Anne Road. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH

5.

An Ordinance upon Application of BJ's Wholesale Club for a Conditional Use Permit for the relocation of an existing automobile service (lube bay) on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, west of Rosemont Road. Said parcel is located at 3712 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 10,028 acres.

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6.

An Ordinance upon Application of Robert M. & Joan G. Helm for a Conditional Use Permit for a private school & child care center on certain property located at the northeast corner of N. Little Neck Road and Edinburgh Drive. Said parcel contains 1,003 acres.

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7.

An Ordinance upon Application of PrimeCo, L.P., for a Conditional Use Permit for a 150-foot communications tower on certain property located on the east side of Newtown Road, south of Lake Edward Drive. Said parcel is located at 500 Newtown Road and contains 8,169 acres.

BAYSIDE BOROUGH

8.

An Application of the Virginia Beach Development Authority for a modification of conditions attached to the rezoning which were granted on June 13th, 1988, August 14, 1989, November 9, 1993 and November 12, 1994. Said parcels are located on the south side of Dam Neck Road, west of General Booth Boulevard (Corporate Landing) and contains 33 acres.

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Toxemia not as fatal as portrayed on TV

By Dr. Peter J. Kemp

As everyone saw on a recent "ER" television show episode, a pregnant woman was brought in having seizures which is known in medical terms as being eclampsia, or severe toxemia pregnancy. Basically, this episode showed the worst case scenario of having this disease process.

Very few women ever become as ill as was seen on this show, in which the woman eventually died. Most real-life situations with this syndrome never become as severe as was shown on the television screen.

The vast majority of people that people that have toxemia or preeclampsia prior to seizures develop a group of symptoms such as elevated blood pressure, leaking protein in their urine and swelling. Blood pressure itself can sometimes be elevated in pregnancy. Not just simply from preeclampsia, but from other reasons, such as chronic hypertension, other disease processes, so it is not always a definite cause and effect that is seen in pregnancy. This is something that your doctor would watch out for. This is why each time you go for an obstetrician appointment, your doctor takes your blood pressure.

The other symptom which is part of this syndrome is swelling. All pregnant women usually get some swelling, mostly in their feet and ankles. This is normal. In hot, humid weather, people that are not pregnant have some increased swelling in their bodies. Your doctor knows what to look for as far as different signs of this.

That is the other reason when you go in for a routine obstetric visit, you are always weighed. It shows how much weight you are gaining and also if you are gaining a lot of fluid. Again, the swelling is a sign of preeclampsia, and you would see a very rapid weight gain from your previous appointment. Your doctor would watch and look for these different signs. This is why you are examined when you go in for an appointment.

The third symptom is protein in your urine. Normally, kidneys keep protein in your bloodstream and do not allow it to be filtered through the kidneys into your urine. But, when you have a pregnancy state of preeclampsia, the kidneys begin to

leak protein. This is picked up on a urine test in the office.

At each appointment, a urine specimen is taken. This is one of the things that is being checked for in your specimen. When a doctor sees the different parts of your routine office visit leaning toward any signs of preeclampsia, he or she may order additional lab tests. These could include a urine collection over 24 hours to see how much protein is really in it. Also, they could include some blood laboratory work and monitoring the baby to assure that it is alright. If your doctor is very concerned, he or she may even put you in the hospital for a day or two to observe you and see what the blood pressure and laboratory finding are. If your doctor is suspicious for preeclampsia, the very first thing that is normally done is to confine you to very strict bed rest at home.

Basically, when a woman is resting primarily on her left side, you will see that the blood pressure will decrease and a lot of the swelling and symptoms will also stop.

Without question, this is the most common thing that is done is your doctor is suspicious that you may be developing preeclampsia/toxemia.

If your doctor finds that this is not working or if your condition rapidly becomes worse, he may add medications to prevent seizures and control blood pressure, although the ultimate cure for the disease process is delivery of the baby and placenta.

Following this, the symptoms will normally reverse themselves, and this would prevent you from having seizure episodes as shown on the "ER" program.

A seizure and preeclampsia is a very rare occasion which is not seen on a routine bases. The "ER" show gave the worst appearance as far as this group of symptoms.

You must realize that the television show is trying to make it very dramatic to show the viewer the worst possible things. So remember, a pregnant woman was brought to the emergency room with this type of situation, she would have been the most important person in that obstetrical service. No matter what else was going on, she would have been taken upstairs to the labor and delivery unit and cared for. Thus, it was a little bit more dramatic to have her kept in the emergency room on the television show.

Your doctor would immediately have you moved to the appropriate setting in the hospital, an it is doubtful if your symptoms would proceed to the dramatic episode as was seen on the "ER" episode.

Any questions concerning this should be brought to your doctor. He or she can explain them more fully. Remember that all of these things can be caught very early and without any major problems noted for the vast amount of time. Feel free to call your doctor of myself for any further information.

Kemp is an OB/Gyn practicing in Chesapeake.

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■ "Legal Considerations in Small Business," presented by David R. Tynch, managing partner of Cooper, Speng and Davis, P.C. and "Record Keeping and Accounting," presented by Richard J. Harrison Jr., certified public accountant, held on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

■ "Business Planning and Operation Marketing Strategies," presented by William J. Holloran Jr. of the Hampton Roads

Chambers' Small Business Development Center, held on Saturday, March 2 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; and,

■ "Financing Your Business," presented by Holloran and Philip L. Tuning, business development representative, Department of Economic Development.

The cost of the seminar series is \$45 per person. Registration deadline is Feb. 16.

These seminars are provided by the Portsmouth Department of Economic Development, Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce-Portside Division, Portsmouth Certified Development Corporation, Portsmouth Small or Minority Business Enterprise Committee and the Hampton Roads chamber's Small Business Development Center.

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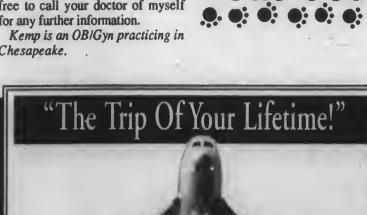


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Council considers compromise on Beach school budget deficit

City may dig into coffers again for projected needs

By LEE CAHILL,
City Council Reporter

City council, still numb over helping the school board make up a \$12.1 million deficit in the 1994-95 budget, may dig further in their pocketbook to forestall at least part of an expected \$4.4 million deficit during the current fiscal year.

The school board's emissary, Donald A. Peccia, associate superintendent for administrative services, requested the funding Tuesday with the understanding that if the shortfall does not materialize the funds would not be expected.

City Manager James K. Spore was instructed to bring back recommendations on how to fund \$2.3 million of the shortfall. But first council urged continued vigilance on the part of the schools and expressed annoyance at the creation of a list of potential savings which, councilman Howard Heischober pointed out, was "not a list."

When a reference was made to the list as a laundry list, councilman John A. Baum injected that it was a "dirty laundry list."

The "list that was not a list" included school activities, such as the elimination of spring sports, which resulted in numerous calls to council members. Students and school patrons also showed their opposition to the list by their attendance at the council meeting.

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf, pointing out that only the school board had the power to decide what programs to have and not to have, said that she wanted to be sure that if the council provided the extra funding, the "list" would not be implemented.

Peccia offered extremely detailed information on the current financial situation of the schools and how the school system itself had initiated steps to save millions of dollars.

While he had no role in preparing previous budgets, he said that he would be 100% responsible for the 1996-97 budget.

Budget Director Mordel Smith, who had been on paid leave since October, was recently reinstated to his position as budget director. As a

result of the reinstatement, one school board member resigned.

An influencing factor in council's decision to look for funds to cover at least part of the projected shortfall resulted from lower than anticipated revenues from federal impact aid, lower than projected state sales tax revenues and state reimbursement for specific programs such as summer school and remedial education.

Councilman Louis R. Jones said these shortages were not the fault of the school system. Between October and December, Peccia said the projected revenues differed from \$10,703,878 to \$9,025,097 in federal funds or less than \$4,479,576; \$155,165,968 to \$154,581,016 or \$2,511,783 less; and, \$39,689,137 to \$39,039,329 in state sales taxes or \$673,903 less.

If council were to expunge \$2.3 million of the shortfall, the controversial items on the list would be funded.

The total shortfall in the 1995-96 school budget of \$358,365,490 would have been \$7,488,385 except for the cost-cutting measures put in place by the school system, Peccia said.

Peccia said that the schools hope to recoup \$2.15 million from the state in ADM (average daily membership) funds to make up for an error in underestimating the ADM in 1993-94. A budget amendment has been introduced in the General Assembly and is currently being considered, Peccia said.

Jones said that he, like other council members, is concerned about the shortfalls and accountability. He said, however, that some of the shortfall is "not the result of any miscalculations, but of actions beyond the realm of anyone." Since \$2.3 million in revenues did not come in because of

factors beyond everybody's control, he said, there could be some justification for funding that amount.

Oberndorf suggested that the city manager bring in a report on what money is available and may be used safely to protect the city's bond rating. She referred to parents and youngsters who have called "day and night" about the list which included the elimination of spring sports and the before and after school program.

Generally council members were reluctant to overlook past problems with the school finances, but commended Peccia for the report on the current school financial situation.

Councilwoman Louisa Strayhorn did her best to pull out of Peccia an admission that the \$4.4 million was a "shortfall," pointing out that there was a time that she was reproached for suggesting a deficit.

Peccia agreed that there was a shortfall in revenues and an overestimate of revenues.

"It will be a long time," said Oberndorf, "before your (the school board's) numbers will be a great deal to this."

Councilman W.W. Henley wanted to know whether there was any reason for the "list to exist." Council members had received a letter from Vickie Hendley, president of the Virginia Beach Education Association, opposing the cuts on the list which was prepared, according to Peccia's report, by the administration at the request of the school members.

The recommendations, Peccia said, were not a recommendation or endorsement of the reductions and were not in any priority order. The reductions represented a savings of \$4,050,000, but council apparently saw the list as a way of applying pressure to council members.

Peccia pointed out that 87 percent of the budget is in salaries and since about \$5 million had already been cut, few options remained.

It would have been better, said Harrison, to have brought in a realistic list.

A joint committee of the school board (Tim Jackson and Joseph D. Taylor) and city council (Linwood Branch and Barbara Henley) are meeting to discuss the school budget issues.

Vice Mayor William D. Seaboms Jr. suggested to Peccia that he encourage the consolidation of the school and council financial staffs to provide for more accountability.

Branch said that he was disappointed that the list got out.

"It created a lot of hysteria," he said. He said that it was important to make a decision on spring sports because of the timeliness. He also requested a copy of the bill on ADM funds so that the council can throw its weight behind the legislation. Peccia said that the bill will probably come out of committee by the end of next week.

Jones said that the list created pressure on council to do something. "Your explanation (of the financial situation) is a better way to do this."

If council were to expunge \$2.3 million of the shortfall, the controversial items on the list would be funded.

Peccia said that he could not explain why the school system did not seek a legal remedy for the ADM funds.

Council will know the outcome of the legislation, said Spore, by March 9 which is the last day of the General Assembly.

Councilwoman Barbara Henley said that she hoped the school continues efforts to save areas for saving. She said that she was pleased also to learn that some brain-storming had been going on among other members of the school staff.

Heischober pointed out that in the 30 years since the city was formed from — 1963 to 1993, through fluctuating attendance and finances, the city had never had a problem with the school budget.

Heischober said that he had received a phone call from a parent who said that the city was putting in jeopardy his son's future. The son is an outstanding baseball player who is hoping for a college scholarship.

Heischober added that Peccia was doing a good job but asked him to encourage the school board to consolidate financial services "so that we can have a good feeling."

Baum said that he was concerned about the way the school board went about making its point. He said that the people on the city side think that their budgets will be cut.

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Photo by M.J. Knoblock

DANCE TO THE MUSIC. Tidewater Friends of Folk Music members Ed Robinson, left, and Anna Lee Scully, right, accompany Lori Shapiro during a recent celebration of the arts for people with and without disabilities.

Artists of all abilities come together for fest

By M.J. KNOBLOCK
Sun Correspondent

The throng of drums penetrated the hallways of Kempsville Recreation Center last weekend.

The closer you walked to the room, the louder the din became.

It had a distinct rhythm — the sound of many beats and instruments together to form one staff.

Upon entering the room, however, you realized it was a special-kind of drum "jam session."

There were people of different abilities and age brackets joining in to create a rhythmic beat.

They had come together to celebrate the Second Annual Very Special Arts Festival.

The drum circle was just one of many activities available to help people with disabilities and those without celebrate the arts together.

The event was put together by Very Special Arts Virginia-Virginia Beach Chapter, a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching lives of persons with disabilities through opportunities in the arts.

"This gives children and adults with any type of barrier an opportunity to display their talents," noted Elaine Hutcheson, coordinator for Very Special Arts Virginia-Virginia Beach adult program. "We are just beginning to work with adults and we provide opportunities for them to explore the arts."

"We work in collaboration with the Community Services Board and also Parks and Recreation in Virginia Beach to put on the festival, and lots of volunteers and folks throughout the community," she said.

The festival featured a visual arts workshop, creative keychain making, watercolor painting, line drawing, sculpture and a bell choir workshop, among others.

"We find that even the people that can't express it, have a genuine need for the arts in their lives," said Hutcheson.

She explained that many adults with disabilities cannot drive, do not (or cannot) go to school or work, and find themselves at home frequently.

"Leisure time is a big thing for people with disabilities. It's a major issue," Hutcheson noted. "We're hoping if they transplant their skills to the arts, they will find themselves spending less time in front of the television."

"That's what our festivals are all about — to emphasize what people can do, rather than what they can't do," she added.

But there was more to the celebration than just arts. It was a rare opportunity for people with and without disabilities to integrate in a social setting.

Hutcheson said this is one of the few programs in the area that features integration.

"Most of the programs for people with disabilities in the community are just that," she noted. "They are just for people with disabilities, and we want to offer people with disabilities a chance to enjoy arts not just with their peers."

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A prime example of this was a performance by Tidewater Friends of Folk Music, who performed at the festival.

One member, Lori Shapiro, has a

disability, although that didn't seem to matter to anyone as she sang folk songs accompanied by Anne Lee Scully and Ed Robinson.

Shapiro is also a member of the USA Tone Chime Choir, which is composed of people with and without disabilities.

"They meet every week and they have formed all sorts of friendships and bonds with the non-disabled people," said Hutcheson.

"Lori writes her own music and is a part of this community group," she smiled, watching Shapiro sing a rendition of "Charley on the MTA."

"She is a kind of role model. She is mainstreamed and it helps other people think, 'I think I could do that, too.'"

While Shapiro was showcasing her musical talents, others were discovering theirs at the drum circle down the hall.

Craig Bartel and Paul Lombardi sat at one end of the circle, jamming with moroccos and a bongo drum.

Lombardi, who works with the Jewish Family Services supportive living program, said the drum circle was perfect for Bartel, who is deaf, cannot speak and has autistic tendencies, because he could feel the floor's vibrations and join in the fun.

"I was trying to figure out the best place for him to be," said Lombardi. "It's very interactive. It's a very social place to be. He has no problem being out in the community. He does very well, in fact, he lives by himself and I help him out a bit."

But the drums were not for everyone.

Marcie Vermillion tried her hand at modeling clay in a room down the hall.

"I just wanted to get out of the house, and explore and meet other people like myself and meet someone like me to go out with," said Vermillion, who works for the Stihl Corporation off Lynnhaven Parkway.

"I just think it's best to be out. I'm trying to get out more and I'm trying to get myself away from TV," Vermillion smiled.

While she perfected a tiny bowl, Dorothy Clark, an artist whose work was displayed at the festival, was intently learning about a working with a different medium.

"I like visual arts. I don't know a lot about watercolor. I came in here to learn more about it," said Clark, who started painting at a young age and is also a member of the USA Tone Chime Choir.

"I consider myself an artist, although I'm disabled," said Clark.

Another service provided by Very Special Arts Virginia's adult program is a mentoring program. Hutcheson said they are trying to find mentors in the community to assist artists like Clark hone their artistic talents.

They hope to get the program off the ground by late summer or early fall.

For more information about Very Special Arts Virginia-Virginia Beach call Hutcheson, adult programs coordinator, at 523-0932; or, Shirley Shapiro, children's programs coordinator, at 467-0725.

Urban Partnership poses dilemma for city

Former Gov. Linwood Holton touts regional approach for area progress

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

Virginia Beach city council doesn't want to be left out of the Urban Partnership or its financial beneficiaries, but neither does it want to be part of an organization where it will be all give and little take.

The question that council wants answered is, "What's in it for us?"

Former Gov. Linwood Holton, meeting with council at a workshop Tuesday, tried to supply the answer. Regional partnerships are the only way Virginia and the Hampton Roads area can catch up to and overtake its neighbors.

Holton said that he had been working on the concept for 26 years, ever since he took office as governor in 1970. He said that the Urban Partnership presents an opportunity to overcome obstacles damaging to economic growth. North Carolina, Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee have all grown faster in per capita income and in the number of new jobs.

Having municipalities working together is a major factor in the success of these states.

Senate Bill 566 and HB 1515 for

the enactment of a regional competitiveness act to provide a vehicle for the creation of regional partnership and to offer incentives connected with water and sewer services are assigned a four.

Supporters hope that the General Assembly will allocate \$50 million under the act during the second year of the biennium (next year) and that the fund will ultimately be increased to \$200 million a year.

The Urban Partnership is an organization of 18 localities, including Virginia Beach, established in July of 1994.

Holton said that a good example of regional cooperation is the Port of Hampton Roads, a combination of three ports struggling with financing, brought together in 1970 under the leadership of Edward Breeden, majority leaders of the Senate. During his term, said Holton, officials had hoped 100,000 ships would be handled by the port per year. Today, over 800,000 go through the port in one year, that Holton said he expects to seem a million shortly. That was brought about by money from the state.

In western Virginia, communities combined to convert 1,000 acres of flood plains into an industrial park in a seriously distressed area because of the loss in coal mining jobs. A thousand jobs were created.

Under proposals of the Urban Partnership and of the legislation before the General Assembly, the point system has been created to determine the eligibility for participating in the fund. The greatest number of points (10) has been assigned to regional revenue

"I don't think you can isolate yourself," he said. The development of the region will develop all the cities, he said.

Councilman John A. Baum said that regionalism has not been practiced very well. The regional partnership is a voluntary program with a carrot at the end, he said.

Councilman W.W. Harrison Jr. pointed out that only 68 percent of the taxes contributed to the state comes back to the city, while Norfolk gets as much as 82 percent back.

There's a disparity, he said, in what goes out and what comes back. "I don't know whether it's bad representation in the legislature or because we're the new kid on the block."

The only way to eliminate the problems, said Holton, is through economic development.

Councilman Linwood Branch said that \$200 million is not a lot of money; a stadium would take that. He said that state should increase the revenues to the cities.

Holton said the Legislature is doing what it can and is faced with significant choices. Economic development is the overall answer; it will produce the most revenue in the most painless way.

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Commentary

Strap 'em in

You wouldn't let your child play in traffic, would you? Of course not. Then why risk your child's safety in a vehicle either?

As part of National Child Passenger Safety Week (Feb. 11-17), the Virginia Coalition for Vehicle Choice is urging parents to double check that their children are buckled up safely when riding in cars and trucks. The number one rule to remember is that children, particularly infants, should always be properly secured in the back seat — the safest place for all children to ride.

All 50 states require the use of child safety seats and safety belts for young passengers. Fortunately, usage has increased dramatically over the past 15 years. Yet motor vehicle crashes remain the number one cause of death among children — the highways' tiniest victims. Safety belts and child seats, when used properly, can reduce the risk of fatal injury by more than half. Hundreds of deaths and serious injuries could be prevented each year if all children were properly protected.

Excuses for not using them just don't cut it. "I was in a hurry," one woman told a Richmond emergency room pediatrician. "I took my 3-year-old out of the car seat when I had a new baby," another explained. Still another merely said, "My child cries in the car seat."

Yet the fact remains that the majority of early childhood deaths could be thwarted if parents would use a little common sense.

Correct usage of each car seat type is critical to obtaining maximum protection of Virginia's children. The child seat should be properly anchored to the vehicle, and the youngster should be buckled in snugly. Parents should also check to make sure that older children are wearing safety belts properly.

The Coalition for Vehicle Choice offered other safety pointers:

- Infants under 1 year of age should be transported in infant seats that face the rear of the vehicle. They should be in the back seat, not the front seat, especially where there is a passenger-side airbag. Airbags have, in some cases, severely or even fatally injured babies in infant seats placed up front.

- Children aged 1 to 4 should be carried in toddler seats installed facing forward in the back seat. Larger children in that age range may be able to use booster seats that work in conjunction with the vehicle's safety belts.

- Older children should use the vehicle's safety belt provided. Position the shoulder belt so that it is comfortable and off the neck. Lap belts should be worn low and snug on the hips.

- Parents should register new child safety seats with the manufacturer so that they can be notified in the event of a safety recall or other problem.

Finally, if you cannot afford a child safety seat, several programs across the state offer free and discounted safety seats. For more information about such programs in Hampton Roads, call the Virginia Department of Transportation at 363-3930 or Concerned Citizens Advocating Traffic Safety at 498-2562. And remember, buckle up the little ones!



Hillary care needs exposing

In College Park, Md., there exists a freshly compiled testament to the wrongness of conducting the people's business — indeed attempting to rearrange Americans' personal lives — in secret meetings conducted at the highest levels of government.

Currently this facility at the University of Maryland has a house name, National Archives No. 2.

Someday, if this is justice in this world, it will be the Hillary Rodham Clinton National Historic Movement and Park Service. Guides will give hourly talks on how secrecy is incompatible with freedom in this blessed Republic.

This monument consists of six million records that Hillary Clinton's Health Care Task Force was keeping secret until forced to disgorge a Vespucius of paper in 1994 by a citizens' lawsuit.

Trying to shake her Travelgate blues, the First Lady began her book tour in Little Rock by expressing the pious hope that Americans would concentrate on the well-being of children, not political scandal.

I can't believe HRC means that in any sense other than that people should queue up to drop \$20 for her book, "It Takes a Village," which attempts to wrap Hillary's fondness for socialist policies in warm, cuddly images.

Because if Americans understood the full story of Hillary's agenda for children, families and society, any obstruction of justice or other Whitewater crimes would be small potatoes.

Now that those Hillary-Care records are available, they tell another story — that nationalized health care is progressing briskly via a detour laid out by Hillary's task force, which fully anticipated Congress wouldn't buy the big plan.

This road runs through the schools by means of Medicaid waivers and drastic changes in eligibility and an age 0 to 21 Children's Initiative coordinated through the ubiquitous

Goals 2000 (specifically National Goal No. 1: readiness for school).

Key collaborators — unelected, all — are the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (with which Hillary has long been connected), and federal and state health, social services and education agencies.

The memos show that in August 1992, HRC's task force members began to take a great interest in "Kiddicare," one part of the Great Society that Lyndon Johnson never got place.

So the Clintonites sent out to the LBJ Library in Austin, Texas, for records of documents, which became a part of their own record.

Among many other items, the LBJ aides laid out in 1968 a plan for bringing all children and mothers under national health insurance administered through the Social Security system.

In a key memo of March 24, 1993, from Al Gwadre (White House adviser) to Lois Quam (Minnesota health commissioner and a task force member), Hillary's team stated its fall-back option as, "Phasing in children first."

By using existing social programs and welfare mandates, the Hillaryites would use children as the tools to bring back about socialist medicine.

After "Quick Kids Coverage" or "Kids in Co-Operatives," the memo stated the expectation that "full-scale reform and universal coverage for adults takes place on a date certain in a chosen year."

Pennsylvania homemaker Anita Hoge, who exposed the privacy-invasive aspects of student assessment in a long battle with the feds and her states' educators, was among the first to spot the link between nationalized health and the "systemic restructuring" of education.

She found that former Gov. Bob Casey had gotten a Medicaid waiver to make these health services near-universal from birth to age 21, utilizing Goals 2000 school-based health clinics.

Medicaid, of course, is supposed to provide health care to the poor. But contrary to the Inside-the-Beltway hype and cost-control, Medicaid is being expanded, de facto, through creative re-interpretations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and a redefinition of emotional problems in the "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual

of Mental Disorders."

For instance, a child in a state with the right kind of waiver can be identified as under psychosocial stress for breaking up with a boyfriend or girlfriend, fighting with parents — just about any "bad hair day."

Once labeled with some sort of emotional disability, such as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, the child and his family become eligible for Medicaid services.

And the schools as Medicaid providers are eligible for reimbursement. Pennsylvania schools could receive up to \$4,000 per eligible child.

Not surprisingly, many of the states in this "seamless web" of welfareism are in the vanguard of attitudinal OBE/Goals 2000 restructuring.

Participating in the U.S. Department of Education's Integrated Services Project, "Creating Schools That Work for Everyone," are California, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Texas.

The objective is to use money from Medicaid, Goals 2000, School to Work, AFDC, the Improving America's School Act, et al., to integrate all health and social services into the public schools.

Kentucky lawyer Kent Mastersson Brown, point man in the legal battle to open the Hillary-Care records, and his associate Genevieve Young, have documented bizarre turns on the nanny-state road — many paved by the tax-exempt foundations.

For example, the Kentucky Commission on Families and Children recently considered a proposal for a 15-member "State Board of Well-Being" to replace the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

A State Chancellor of Well-Being (the new schools chief) would run a Division of Well-Being Services, including many that "traditionally have been offered through the department of education."

That all his occurring as Bill Clinton and the congressional Republicans battle over the rate of projected increase in Medicaid and Medicare is surreal.

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Guess Doug Wilder won't be going to the ball

Whenever I see a picture of the Confederate flag on the front page of *The Virginian-Pilot*, I know that lurking somewhere within its pages is the former governor, Doug Wilder, with his opinion of what that flag means to him.

He certainly has the right to do so, especially being the ancestor of slaves and all that sort of thing. Wilder appears to go ballistic whenever he sees or hears of anything that represents the South where I was born, "Where the sweet magnolia blossoms 'round everybody's door and folks keep eatin' a possum till



The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist.

they can't eat no more."

Wilder's recent case of hives was brought on by plans of some officials in the White House in Richmond to hold a Confederate ball. The ball will not be held at the White House, but rather at a restored gun foundry in downtown Richmond. Rebel costumes will be worn and the Stars and Bars will be on display.

Wilder says, "This feels the scab off a sore that is trying to heal. That era is gone. You want it to regrow? It's history, but it's history of denying basic human rights."

Wilder wants to stick his head in the sand and pretend "that era is gone."

Let's hope that the ugliness of "that era is gone" but to suggest that Southerners are wrong to honor their "ancestors" who fought honorable and bravely, not to kill blacks but to kill damn Yankees is unreasonable.

All southerners during that era did not own slaves or live on plantations like Tara. All whites of that era were not bad as Wilder would suggest, and perhaps he should direct some attention to the African tribal chieftains who sold their own people into slavery to Boston sea captains who brought them over here in the first place.

Another place Wilder could consider is RWRA, where little children are being cut to pieces with machetes. That is happening now, not 200 years ago.

I was born in the segregated South and saw that it was like and have vowed that it will never happen again, but if Doug Wilder thinks he will keep me on some kind of guilt trip, he is sadly mistaken.

Finally, the headline for the article on the ball read, "Plans for Confederate ball shock many." How much is many? Who are they shocked? The only people quoted in opposition are Doug Wilder and Jack Gravely, past president of the NAACP.

It's just another irresponsible headline like the one on the pilot who was killed in a plane crash recently. The headline suggested that he might have been showing off when they had no proof that was, in fact, the case.

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A hint of Spring to tempt the soul

The tiniest hint of Spring tickled my fancy last week as February taunted us with sunny skies, warm breezes and, for once, a dry weekend.

Ah, the bliss of it!

Having dug out of our most recent

blast of Arctic air, ice and snow, I was only too happy to shed some layers and reveal coatless in the outdoors. That little rodent Punxsutawney Phil may have forecasted six more weeks of bitter cold, but for three glorious days he

was wrong.

As I finished up my work Friday evening, the weekend seemed like a long stretch of everything that is good and wonderful in the world — no stories scheduled, no serious commitments. Of course, there's always housework, but that never goes away.

I completed my chores Saturday morning with a spry switch to my step at the anticipation of opening the

sunroof to the BMW and cruising the open road. Mom and I decided we'd spend the day shopping (what better pursuit) sans coat and heavy sweater. Unfortunately, I was in such high spirits that I spent a little more than I should have — but, heck, you only live once.

As the sun started to set, I was sorry to bid farewell to the glorious day. Sunday, however, would hold more opportunities for good times.

After church, Evan and I decided it was time to head for the country on a long ride. This suited me just fine, until we started spotting dozens of antique stores along our trek. Sure, we spent some money; and, sure, we didn't get very far, but we were at least enjoying the elements.

As we were driving home late that afternoon, I felt the first nip of Winter returning to the area. An icy wind began to blow through the sunroof and we pulled off the interstate. By nightfall, it was chilly again as we snuggled under several blankets.

Oh well! It was nice while it lasted! Now all we have to do is survive the rest of Old Man Winter. Brrr!

Between all our merrymaking about the weather last weekend, Evan and I did make it out Saturday night to a fund-raising event for the Chesapeake Foundation for the Mentally Disabled Inc.

Dedicated to helping others live

independently and proudly, organizers put on one heck of a gala. It was my first "murder mystery dinner," which seems to be all the rage right now, and a delightful time it was.

My better half got to dress up as "Jackson Ripper," an expert on Jack the Ripper and other serial murderers. Dresses in his corduroys, tweeds, driving cap, bow tie and sporting a pipe, he looked quite the English gent.

Yours truly got to assume the identity of "Mara Le Langelle," a French fashion designer. Of course, this meant I got to pull on a glamorous gown, cocktail hat and mink stole. I lavished myself in rhinestones, jewelry and heavy makeup. How fun!

The fun was over too soon as the mystery was revealed; some of us kept hoping we could continue our outrageous accents and mannerisms.

Truly, I can say this was a unique benefit — not your normal silent auction or cocktail party. Instead, for the price of a ticket we got dinner, a great show and the chance to assume another persona.

Thumbs up to the Chesapeake Foundation for the Mentally Disabled Foundation for its creativity and great time!

And an Academy Award should go to members of Unity Renaissance Church's "Light Crew," which provided the professional actors for the evening. I can hardly wait to see what the mystery will be next year!

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THE ARTS

ART BRIEFS

Auditions for the Little Theatre of Portsmouth's production of "See How They Run" by Philip King, a British sea farce about the goings on at a not-so-peaceful, rural English vicarage, will be held on Feb. 20 - 21 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the theater of Wilson High School in Portsmouth. The play will be presented April 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 and 28.

Those auditioning will read selections from the script. A British accent is preferred but not essential. The production requires six men, ages 25 to 60, and three women, ages 20 to 40. If you have additional questions, call Jim Luker at 482-4523 or LTP at 488-7866.

The Little Theatre of Portsmouth is a non-profit organization.

Queen Jean's Broadway Folly will present a lively song and dance review reminiscent of Old Broadway at the Kempville Playhouse in the Kempville Recreation Center on Friday evening, Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m. with matinees Saturday, Feb. 17 and Sunday, Feb. 18, both at 2 p.m.

Music is by the Tidewater Community Band. Admission is \$5 each for adults and children.

The box office will also be open one hour prior to each performance. For further information, call 474-8492 or 428-1012.

Virginia Opera announces the Carousel Ball as part of its 1995-96 season. The fund raising event will take place on Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Omni Waterside Hotel in Norfolk. The evening will be sponsored by the Virginia Opera Guild and is being given in memory of former opera board member Gay Birdsong.

The schedule for the evening is: reception, 7 p.m.; dinner, 8 p.m.; dancing, 9 p.m.; and, silent auction, 8 - 9 p.m.

Tickets for the Ball are \$250 per couple and \$125 per individual. The event will be black tie. Valet parking will be optional and music will be provided by Spellbound. Call 627-9545, ext. 320 to make your reservations.

The Hurrah Players Inc. Family Theatre Company will present "A Pig Tale," one of the Little Playhouse series at the Hurrah Players Studio, 935 Woodrow Ave. in Norfolk. "The Three Little Pigs" have a new adventure.

Dates are:

- Saturday, Feb. 24, 11 a.m.;
- Sunday, Feb. 25, 3 p.m.;
- Saturday, March 2, 11 a.m.;
- and,

■ Sunday, March 3, 3 p.m.

The play was written by Judy Reeves. Production is directed by Mikki Acedo Black and produced by Hugh Copeland. Tickets are \$3 and may be purchased at the door or in advance with Visa or MasterCard by calling the Hurrah Players at 623-7418.

The U.S. Continental Army Band will present a concert in celebration of African-American History Month at 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 22 at the Post Theater.

Music from the movie "Glory," as well as music by William Grant Still and Duke Ellington, will be performed. In addition, the Resolute Chorus from Fort Eustis' 7th Transportation Group will also perform.

The concert is free to the public. For more information, call the Concordia at 727-4052.

Proceeds from a trunk show of designer clothes at J. Romm, 321 W. 21st St. in the Palace Shops in Norfolk, will benefit Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters is the region's only pediatric referral center, serving southeastern Virginia, the Eastern Shore and northeastern North Carolina.

Its specialized services include neonatal and pediatric intensive care, heart transplantation, craniofacial and urological reconstructive surgery, cancer treatment and more than 50 outpatient specialty programs.

Moses Myers House opens doors for gala 18th century celebration

Mark your calendars and brush up on the Minuet for the Third Annual Cherry Ball, which is being held at the Moses Myers House on Thursday, Feb. 22 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. This historic celebration in honor of George Washington, father of our country and Virginia's native son, promises gala entertainment 18th-century style.

After the death of George Washington in 1799, it became the custom to give balls and formal dinner in his honor. According to newspaper articles from *The Public Ledger and American Beacon*, citizens in turn-of-the-century Norfolk, including Moses and Eliza Myers, celebrated this annual event in grand style with everything from fireworks to parades. The Chrysler Museum of Art has resurrected to once-and-ever-popular feet.

According to Patrick Brennan, director of Historic Houses for The Chrysler Museum of Art, guests will be greeted by 18th-century costumed hosts Belle and Samuel Levy. The will escort visitors to the grand dining room for a traditional feast, including timbales of sole, roasted beef, fruit pyramids, fine Virginia wines and much more. After dinner, guests will learn the finer points of the minuet and then relax to the sounds of harpsichord music.

"This event has proven to be very popular with everyone involved," said Brennan. "In fact, it is sometimes difficult to determine who is enjoying the event most, the staff or the guests. Because we try to make the evening as authentic as possible — with candles, dress, food and entertainment — there is something magical about the ball. The simple splendor of it all makes it easy to imagine that you have crossed the dimension of time."

In addition to enjoying the ball, guests can also marvel at the home's impressive collection of 18th-century furnishings. Approximately 70 percent of the furnishings in the house once belonged to Moses and Eliza Myers, including the three-part mahogany table and two sideboards which were specially designed for the dining room, as well as the original Myers' mahogany cradle and a 1770 Virginia quilt.

Don't miss this authentic 18th-century celebration. Tickets are available now, but due to the intimate nature of the location of the event, space is limited. The cost is \$70 per person, \$65 for Friends of Historic Houses.

The Moses Myers House, which is one of three Historic Houses administered by The Chrysler Museum of Art, is open noon - 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is charged. Historic House combination tickets, which include the Adam Thoroughgood and the Willoughby-Bayley Houses, may be purchased at a reduced rate. For further information, call 664-6283.

Take a musical 'space' voyage

The Virginia Symphony presents the third concert in its 1995-96 Peanut Butter and Jam Family Series, "Magic Carpet Ride," on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 2:30 p.m. at Norfolk's Chrysler Hall.

Virginia Symphony Associate Conductor Andrews Sill will be conducting the performance. This is a side-by-side concert in conjunction with the Youth Bay Orchestra.

The concert will include videos of past space shuttle missions, moon landings of *Apollo 15*, and computer generated images of Mars.

Tickets prices for the Peanut Butter and Jam Series range from \$8 for children and \$11 for adults, and may be purchased by calling the Virginia Symphony Ticket Store, located in the Plaza One Building, 550 East Main St., Suite 505, Norfolk, at 23-2310, at any Tidewater First Virginia Bank, or by calling TicketMaster at 671-8100 (Southside) or 872-8100 (Peninsula).

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Ruth Weston Brown

'Queen of Rhythm and Blues' visits Willett Hall

Portsmouth singer is 'coming home'

Ruth Weston Brown, "The Queen of Rhythm and Blues," will grace Willett Hall with a one night only performance, Saturday, Feb. 17 at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for \$13.50 each, all seats reserved.

Brown, a native of Portsmouth, began her singing career at the local AME church. She has gone on to record numerous hit records, appear on Broadway and TV, as well as the movies. She won a Tony Award for her performance in the musical "Black and Blue." She also has a Grammy Award winning album, "Blues on Broadway," and was inducted in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on her 65th birthday.

Brown will be in town to promote her new autobiography, "Miss Rhythm," at the premier book signing in Sunday, Feb. 18, 2 - 5 p.m., at Portsmouth City Council chambers, 801 Crawford St.

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Tenacious teens launch drive for school funds

Cox students get involved

By CLAUDIA PINTO

Who says teens are only worried about the latest fashions, their Friday night dates and getting an "A" in algebra? Some local teens are proving that assumption wrong.

Six students from Cox High School — Quinci Martin, Jackie Webster, Kelly Cahill, Garrin Martin and Sara Torrence — want their concerns known about potential cuts to the Virginia Beach schools' budget.

The girls have called the mayor and vice mayor, as well as written letters to all the school board and city council members in order to voice their worries over the proposed cuts.

"In our letters we stated that we are aware of the promise that the school members have made, guaranteeing that the district would end the year in black, but we think that the welfare of the students and teachers is more important," said Quinci Martin.

To that end the students have started a petition requesting that the city council commit to funding at least a percentage of this year's shortage, which is estimated to be



ENLIGHTENED TEENS. These Cox High School teens are so concerned about potential budget cuts that they have launched a grassroots efforts for more school funding. The ambitious girls are Quinci Martin, front left, and Jackie Webster. Back row: Quinci Martin, Kelly Cahill and Sara Torrence.

anywhere between \$1 to \$4.4 million.

Thus far, they have almost 200 signatures.

Currently, the group of young activists is organizing a flyer campaign at their school. They plan on distributing 200 flyers with information on potential cuts and how students can contact the proper officials to express their sentiments.

The six girls became friends through their love of softball. They all play for Cox High School and the American Softball Association. Garrin and Quinci Martin play second base and catcher, respectively. Webster's on center,

Cahill, first base, and Torrence, third.

"Between the six of us, we almost have enough people, all we need now is a team to play for," joked Quinci Martin.

The threat of spring sports being eliminated — softball, baseball, soccer, track and tennis — is their primary concern.

"Sports are a way into college for many students, to take that away is wrong. They also keep a lot of students off the streets. One board member actually told me that sports were not important and that their focus was strictly academic," said Quinci Martin.

Cahill communicated anxiety over the possibility of all repairs to schools being deferred. She claims that, as of now, in her computer class many students are forced to double-up because 11 computers are in need of repair and there is no money to fix them.

Garrin Martin is concerned about the proposed cut to the after-school programs:

"If the after-school programs are taken away, who is going to watch all those kids whose parents have to work?" asked Martin.

Both Garrin Martin and Cahill teach foreign languages after school to Trantwood Elementary School students. They feel that their mentoring experiences have been highly beneficial and fathom that they may no longer be able to share their knowledge of the Spanish and German languages.

"It's my feeling that if they're going to make cuts then they shouldn't be taking programs away from the kids. It's not the kids' fault that the money wasn't budgeted correctly," said Webster.

The girls have some suggestions of their own on how the deficit should be handled. They feel that the potential cuts should be made smaller and payable over a longer period of time. In addition, the students agree that a larger percentage of the city's taxes should be allotted for the school system.

"It's not fair to take money away from our teachers' salaries to help pay for the deficit because they don't get paid enough as it is. I know a few teachers who are forced to take on a second job just to make ends meet," said Cahill.

The students believe that they will be tremendously effected by the proposed cuts. They want their opinions to be considered and their views to be heard.

"City council member Linwood Branch and school board member Ulysses Spiva were both very helpful. They talked to us about the situation and listened to our concerns. That really meant a lot.

Many of the others did not bother to give us the time of day because of our age," said Quinci Martin.

The girls have chosen the symbol of a lightning bolt representing strength as their emblem.

"The possibility of cancelling spring sports has hit a big chord with students. Everyone is upset, but it's bringing the students together... We are awakening the sleeping giant," said Webster.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Clubs

The Beach Democratic Club will meet Saturday, Feb. 17 at 9:30 a.m. at Morrison's Cafeteria on Laskin Road. Guest speaker is Clay Bernick, Virginia Beach City Environmental Management Center, who will speak on environmental concerns that effect community health, water quality, pollution and more. The public is invited to attend. For further information, call 464-0560 or 481-3865.

Center. The meeting agenda and supporting documents will be available for public review in all Virginia Beach public libraries no later than Friday, Feb. 16.

Delegations and citizens wishing to address the board on Feb. 20 will hear at 2 p.m. to arrange to speak, call Dianne M. Page at 426-5735. disabled citizens who wish to attend this meeting and need assistance may call Page at 426-5735 (voice) or 427-8201 (TDD).

Health

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States. But research has shown that a diet low in fat and cholesterol can lower blood cholesterol and reduce the risk of heart disease. Virginia Cooperative Extension is offering a free cholesterol education newsletter, *Change of Heart*.

The newsletters will help you learn how to shop, cook and eat to lower your blood cholesterol. *Change of Heart* is provided free of charge and includes six issues mailed to your home and every other week during March, April and May.

Take charge of your health today by receiving the newsletter. Contact your local Extension office to receive the newsletter series: Chesapeake, 547-6349; Norfolk, 683-2816; Suffolk, 925-6409; and, Virginia Beach, 427-4769.

Recreation

The Monticello Charter Chapter, American Business Women's Association will hold its meeting on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 9:30 a.m. at Virginia Beach Resort Hotel Conference Center, 2800 Shore Dr.

For information, call Lucille Broadbent at 474-1675.

Virginia Beach General Hospital will hold a Reslove Through Sharing support group meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the West Wing conference Room.

This support group helps parents recover from the loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or early infant death. Parents are welcome to share their feelings or just listen to others who understand and care. For more information, call 481-8292.

Education

Arrowhead Elementary School will recognize the students that have made the Honor Roll, "A-Chievers" and "Superstars" lists by holding a breakfast reception for the students and their families on Wednesday, Feb. 21 in the schools' cafeteria. The student and their invited guests will be served donuts and punch in three sessions. The first session begins at 9:30 a.m. for grades four and five. Special education student will be recognized with their corresponding grade levels.

The parent involvement workshop series continues at Arrowhead Elementary School Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria for parents and students. This particular workshop will help parents and students understand that three are different learning styles. Parents will spend the evening learning how to integrate visual, auditory and kinesthetic learning into everyday activities. Hands-on activities will be presented as well.

Government

The meeting of the Oceanfront Concept Implementation Committee, a Planning Commission subcommittee that was set for 4 p.m. Feb. 12, is rescheduled for Feb. 22 at 4:30 p.m. in the Planning Department conference room. The subcommittee will be discussing the results of the Jan. 30 public workshop in preparation for making recommendations concerning garage apartments in certain residential districts. For further information, call Robert Davis of the Planning Department at 427-4621.

An additional opportunity will be provided for citizens and delegations wishing to address the Virginia Beach School Board at its next regular meeting Tuesday, Feb. 20. Public comment will be heard at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. To arrange to speak at the Feb. 20 meeting, call Diane Page at 426-5735.

The Virginia Beach School Board will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. in the School Board Room of the School Administration Building in the Virginia Beach Municipal

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A SALUTE TO THE MILITARY

Davis learns task of serving meals for hundreds at sea

By LISA M. NOVAK

Military Correspondent

ONBOARD USS ASHLAND — Any restaurant manager will tell you providing meals for a large number of people can be a stressful way to make a living. But when your restaurant is a floating warship staffed with sailors and Marines, it makes the task even more challenging.

Just ask Patricia Davis. The daughter-in-law of Cleo Davis of Chesapeake is a mess management specialist onboard US Ashland, an amphibious dock landing ship based in Norfolk.

"My job is to ensure people are provided the food they need so they can accomplish their missions," Davis said. "I personally want people to be as comfortable as the meals they get."

That's a lofty goal considering the number of people onboard Ashland. Without a Marine contingent, the ship is home to about 300 sailors and officers. With the Marines onboard, that number can double.

"I order all the food supplies," Davis said. "I've never made orders for a ship this big, so it's a new experience for me."

Being on a combatant ship is also a new experience for Davis. The 1994 Defense Authorization Bill included a partial repeal of the Combat Exclusion law, which opened up many new job opportunities on combatant ships for women.

Ships like Ashland support amphibious operations using Landing Craft (Air Cushion) (LCAC) hovercraft, conventional landing craft and helicopters to transport Marines onto hostile shores.

Designed specifically to operate and sustain LCACs, dock landing ships have the largest capacity for these landing craft (four) of any other U.S. Navy

amphibious ship. The landing craft move tanks, vehicles, cargo and troops from ship to shore and are essential to combat operations.

Davis supports the combat troops who move ashore and are then able to seize control of port and air base facilities and prepare for follow-on invasion forces.

"Our main mission is to carry Marines and their equipment. When the Marines are onboard, we have to provide meals," Davis explained.

Davis is currently helping prepare the ship for the annual deployment known as "Unitas." USS Ashland will participate along with other U.S. ships, Marine and Coast Guard units and most South American nations.

The ships and assigned aircraft will begin the four-and-a-half-month-long exercise at the U.S. Naval Base in Puerto Rico and circumnavigate the south American continent, traveling through the Panama Canal.

The deployment is a carefully coordinated series of operations designed to test the capabilities of people and equipment.

"I'm looking forward to Unitas," Davis said. "I like traveling to new countries and seeing new places. My food service load will increase with the official functions and visitors during the deployment."

One of her proudest accomplishments is when she earned the designation of Equal Opportunity Program Specialist. She said on one of the most gratifying parts of her job is helping other get ahead.

"I've been a supervisor since

1982. I've enjoyed seeing people grow in the Navy and advance because of some of my training."

As far as working with others, Davis said the Navy's shown her that helping others is one of the most important parts of a supervisor's job.

"You should always look out for the people who work for you. If people help each other out, it makes our job easier. The Navy is a team and we should all be team players."

"I always try to look at things in a positive way. Even though there may not seem to be a bright side, I always look for one. That helps me through. I always believe there's light at the end of the tunnel."

Lisa M. Novak is a Navy photojournalist assigned to the Navy Public Affairs Center in Norfolk.

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back because of the school board. Branch said that he had received calls from ballplayers but also from people who are fed up. "These sorts of games are having a real effect on our citizens. Discontinue this sort of thing and consolidate. What we've got now is so broken that we have to make sure that this sort of thing won't happen. This should never have happened."

In addition to eliminating spring athletics (a \$360,000 saving), and before and after school activities including childcare (\$100,000 savings on utilities), the list also included one day of unpaid leave for all staff; close all departments/schools June 24-28 so that 11 and 12 month employees would get no pay; eliminate cafeteria monitors at elementary schools, eliminate all part-time help, delay all summer school workshops until July 1, eliminate all workshops for the balance of the year, defer all repairs to schools, do not staff any vacancy except teachers and bus drivers, no overtime except for emergencies, do not refer students to private institutions, eliminate Student Leadership Summer Workshop, delay summer recreation programs until July 1, charge Parks and Recreation for utility costs for before and after school activities for the first semester 1995-1996.

The school board has taken no action on these suggestions.

EDUCATION

Larkspur youths team up for a unique peer-to-peer tutoring, mentoring project

By MARGARET WINDLEY

Sun Correspondent

For two days a week since November, the students at Larkspur Middle School have been coming into the cafeteria after school and settling at the tables set aside for tutoring. They pull out their books and papers, talk softly to each other, and get to work.

But where are the tutors? Teachers Laura Johnson and Cheryl Garrett wander through the room in a supervisory capacity, offering assistance where needed, but most of the tutoring given the students is given by other students in what may be the Virginia Beach school system's first almost completely peer tutored program.

Laura Johnson, who with Assistant Principal Carla Celata, worked the "vision into reality" explained that many Larkspur Middle School students needed assistance with their lessons, but that individual adult tutors would have been too expensive for parents or parents to afford, charging \$25 or more an hour for their help.

On the other hand, there were many students who had no problem with their schoolwork and who could tutor the others.

To keep the program from being too much for student tutors to handle, they have called upon the school's different clubs and teams to sponsor two helping sessions a week.

"The sessions are needed," Johnson said.

"We knew there was no money. So we knew we had to find a way. We have worked out the details because there was a strong need for it here. We wanted something to address the population of kids who needed extra help with their homework. We are the only school in Virginia Beach that uses teams and clubs as the tutors. Other schools do some tutoring after school. Most of them use teachers. We had to come up with a way of accomplishing the goal and without any money."

Garrett, who is also the sponsor of the Future Educators of America, the session's tutors that day, smiled.

"It is a really great program," she said. She recalled having seen a parent bring her child into the building one day specifically looking for the tutoring sessions. "She said, 'I knew he had tutor today.'"

Johnson recalled, "The first day we had about 20 kids. The very second day it snowballed to more than seven kids. Within two days it trebled."

Lauren De Graeve, a seventh grader, is one of the tutors. There to help in math for the first time, she will assist a cousin. Of the tutoring program, De Graeve says, "They let you catch up on work. It's just a big help. I used to be on the

newspaper staff, but I got signed up. Last year I did pretty good."

Thanks to some extra home tutoring of her own last year from her older sister, she understands the work.

"I can help them," she says. Indicating the girl beside her, she says, "She's my little cousin. I can help her out."

In another part of the room, Taylor Haycox, an eighth grader, is looking for a seat. He has had a very good experience with the program.

"It raised my grades in English and math. My Spanish teacher is tutoring me, and I am raising my grades in there." Having no problems with his other courses, he is expecting to be on the honor roll soon.

Karen Smith, a seventh grader, explained that thanks to the tutoring in algebra she has received, her schoolwork has shown marked improvement. "It helped me bring my grade from an A to a B. I didn't understand what the teacher was saying. I like it now that I can do it."

Jerry Sourbeer, a seventh grader who is Smith's algebra tutor, enjoys his work. Although he has only taken pre-algebra, he has a good background in math.

"I want to be a teacher when I grow up," he said. "So this is like having the experience of being one."

Kenny Arnold, also a seventh grader, is also being tutored in math and really appreciates the sessions.

"I took this one test in math and I got a B," he marveled. "I'm usually a below average person."

Fellow seventh grader Christopher McLeod is also being helped in math.

"Since first I transferred from my last school I had a very bad average," he said. "Now all my grades have gone up to B's."

Charlene Angelo, an eighth grader tutoring in math, explained, "I was tutoring this one boy, but he's not here. I tutor them in whatever they need." Pausing to reflect, she added, "I might like to be a teacher. I get to help people out. I like helping people out, showing people things they need to know."

The tutoring program is held every Monday and Wednesday in the school cafeteria from 2:30 to 4:30 during the school year. Transportation is provided.



Photo by Margaret Windley

HELP FROM TEACHER. Cheryl Garrett helps one of her young students during Larkspur Middle School's unique tutoring program which involves peer helpers.

VWC announces Batten Scholar program

The first Batten Scholar will be named this spring under a new scholarship program announced by Virginia Wesleyan College President William T. Greer Jr.

Each year, one student will be selected as the Batten Scholar from the college's Wesleyan Scholar candidates in the freshman class and will receive a comprehensive scholarship. This will be the college's first fully-endowed scholarship covering tuition, room and board.

A new endowment fund is being established by Jane and Frank Batten of Virginia Beach to initiate the Batten Scholars Program. This gift is a part of the Batten's commitment to the college's \$25 million "Consider the Harvest" campaign.

The Batten Scholars will be chosen in an annual scholarship competition held each February. Last year's competition drew 132 selected high school and preparatory

school seniors who spent two days on campus competing for 10 Wesleyan Scholars positions, as well as for other scholarships, for the Fall of 1995. Sixty-seven of those candidates chose to enter Virginia Wesleyan as freshmen last September.

In expressing his appreciation for the gift, Greer said, "We are delighted that Jane and Frank Batten are so generously supporting our scholarship program. Their gift will make possible for a deserving individual to earn a Virginia Wesleyan degree. Batten Scholars will be among our most prominent student leaders. In the highly competitive environment of student recruitment, this prestigious award will enable us to continue to attract outstanding scholars."

Jane Batten, chairman of the Virginia Wesleyan Board of Trustees since October 1995, is also chairing the college's current financial campaign. She and her

husband, Frank, who is chairman of Landmark Communications, have both demonstrated a commitment to Virginia Wesleyan and to higher education in Virginia throughout the years.

The Wesleyan Scholars Program, established in 1985, recognizes scholastic achievement and leadership qualities.

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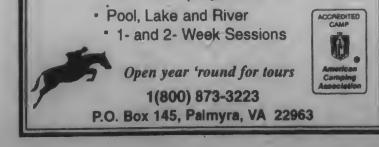
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Cuddling up with grandma!

Grandparents Day was recently held at Linkhorn Park Elementary School. The opportunity allowed students in grades kindergarten through five to invite their grandparents or special older friends to read to classes. In Bea Turner's first grade class, one grandfather, who is a budding author, read the students his own book. In Frances Sellew's second grade class, Justin Sasser's grandfather, Billy Sasser, not only read James Stevenson's "Grandpa's Not So Good Garden," but also sang songs and did tricks. Amy Haye invited her very special friend, "Grandma Rosie," to be her grandmother for the day.



Teachers, students get Earth-friendly

"Creatures We Love to Hate." "How many Bottles Does it Take to Make a Sweater?" and "High Tech Environmental Careers" are just three of the topics that will be covered when more than 500 students and teachers from the Hampton Roads area gather at Old Dominion University for the Fifth Annual Student Environmental Conference.

The conference will be held on Saturday, March 2 at Webb Center from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and is being presented by the Hampton Roads Clean Community Systems.

Member agencies include the Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council and Virginia Beach Waste Management Division/Recycling Bureau.

The opening session of the conference will feature remarks by Dr. Gerald Johnson of The College of William and Mary. Then students will attend day-long concurrent sessions on wildlife characteristics, species and habitat preservation, solid and hazardous waste management, environmental careers, pollution prevention, etc., presented by national, regional and local experts.

Teachers will also be offered a choice between two day-long sessions, entitled "Project Learning Tree" and "Project Wet," from which recertification credits may be obtained. Attendees will be able to participate in hands-on activities and visit environmental display booths in between sessions.

The conference is open to all Hampton Roads public and private school teachers and all students grades 7 to 12. There is no cost to students to attend if pre-registered by Feb. 16; a late registration fee of \$5 will be charged after that date. Teachers pay a \$15 pre-registration fee.

fee; after Feb. 16 the cost will be \$25. Registration information may be obtained by calling 430-2450.

The Hampton Roads Clean Community Systems is a coalition of local environmental education

coordinators who promote litter prevention, recycling, beautification and general environmental awareness through educational projects designed to reach all sectors of our regional community.

Lace up those sneakers and take a Run for Independence

Plan now to participate in the race of the year! The Run for Independence will be held on Saturday, March 2. All proceeds will benefit Independence Middle School. It will begin at the Independence Middle School parking lot in the Bayside Borough of Virginia Beach. The flat course on asphalt starts at the school and circles through the Thoroughgood neighborhood.

Registration fee is \$8 for all races (46 for I.M.S. Students). Enter three or more per family and three is \$5 each (pre-registration only).

The fee will be \$12 for races for entries postmarked after Feb. 23, mail entries to Monica Allard, c/o Independence Middle School, 1370 Dunstan L., Virginia Beach, VA, 23455. Make checks payable to Independence Middle School.

Time of registration on the day of the race will be from 8 - 9 a.m. in the school cafeteria. The 5K Run will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the 1-Mile Run and 1-Mile Health Walk will begin at 10 a.m.

T-shirts are guaranteed to all participants who pre-register. 5K awards will go to the top three open males and females, and to the top three in each age group. Military team awards — five person teams, top three times count towards awards. 1-Mile awards go to the top three males and females in each age

group. Ribbons to all Health Walk participants. There will also be many random prize drawings.

Age groups for the race are 1-

Mile men and women: 5 and under,

6 to 8, 9 to 11, 12 to 14, 15 to 17,

18 and over; 5K men and women:

1 to 12, 13 to 19, 20 to 24, 25 to 29,

30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to

49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 and over.

Refreshments will be available after the race. For additional information contact Monica Allard race director at 460-7500.

Make-up days announced for snow closings

Make-up days in Virginia Beach for school closings due to snow will be as follows:

■ Monday, Feb. 19, Presidents' Day, to make up for Feb. 5;

■ Saturday, March 16, to make up for Feb. 6;

■ Friday, March 29, to make up for Jan. 9;

■ Monday, May 27, memorial Day, to make up for Feb. 7; and,

■ The scheduled dates for spring break, April 1 - 5, remain in the calendar.

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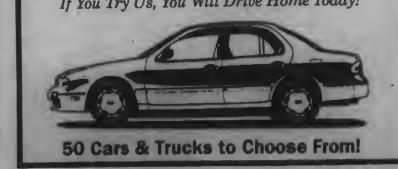
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EDUCATION



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Read all about it!

The celebration of Reading Month at Strawbridge Elementary School recently included visits by a number of community notables. Setting in with a few good books were news anchor Don Roberts, right photo, and sportscaster John Castlebury. Both men work at WAVY-TV 10.



Beach educator picked for Children's World top award

Children's World Learning Center has announced that Debbie Ford Creely of Virginia Beach has been selected to receive the company's President's Award.

As a district manager, Creely oversees operations of the company's 12 community-based child care centers located in Virginia Beach.

Creely was selected for the award from among her peers based on the overall performance of the Virginia Beach centers. Creely has served as a Children's World district manager for more than two years. She has

worked in child care for seven years. Nine of her centers are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young children (NAEYC).

She received both her bachelor's and master's degrees in elementary education at the University of Kentucky. She and her family reside in Virginia Beach.

Children's World Learning Centers is a leading provider of quality infant, toddler, preschool, and school-age learning program in the United States, with 12 centers in Virginia Beach. Recognized for its developmentally appropriate curriculum, children's World encourages social, cognitive and physical development, while allowing children to learn at their own pace.

Children's World has been providing early childhood and elementary educational programs since 1969.



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And the winner is...

Robert Taylor, a third grader in Norris Spencer's class at Linkhorn Park Elementary School, was a winner in the recent Virginia Opera Student Art Competition. More than 900 local youngsters designed posters that depicted scenes of the opera "The Flying Dutchman." The artwork was submitted by Taylor's art teacher, Robert Weaver, with whom the student is shown. The young artist was honored for his work at an awards ceremony and reception at the Harrison Opera House.

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Order of Publication And Affidavit

THIS DAY CAME THE ATTORNEY FOR THE COMMONWEALTH AND MOVED THIS HONORABLE COURT TO FORFEIT TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA THE ABOVE REFERENCED ITEMS THAT WERE SEIZED BETWEEN DECEMBER, 1992 AND FEBRUARY, 1993.

AN INFORMATION WAS MADE, SIGNED AND FILED WITH THE CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE ON EACH OF THE ABOVE MATTERS. SAID INFORMATION STATED THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY AND THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE OWNER AT THE TIME THE INFORMATION WAS FILED.

IT APPEARING THAT THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE OWNERS IS CURRENTLY UNKNOWN, AND THAT A REGISTERED LETTER HAS BEEN MAILED TO HIS LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, THAT ALL PARTIES APPEAR ON OR BEFORE MARCH 27, 1996, AND DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THEIR INTEREST IN SAID PROPERTY.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 19.2-386.3(B) OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA (1950), AS AMENDED, THIS ORDER OF PUBLICATION BE PUBLISHED ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH SUN, A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH.

ENTER THIS 26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1996.

J. CURTIS FRUIT
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
BY BARBARA S. MURDEN.

DEPUTY CLERK

I ASK FOR THIS:

PAMELA HUTCHENS

ALBERT

DEPUTY

COMMONWEALTH'S

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OFFICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S

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MUNICIPAL CENTER

VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA 23456

1. PAMELA HUTCHENS ALBERT,

DEPUTY COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY, AFTER HAVING FIRST DUE SWORN, DEPOSE AND STATE AS FOLLOWS:

THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 8.01-316 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA (1950), AS AMENDED, THAT DILIGENCE HAS BEEN USED WITHOUT EFFECT TO ASCERTAIN THE LOCATION OF THE ABOVE LISTED PARTIES.

PAMELA HUTCHENS ALBERT,

AFFIANT

COMMONWEALTH OF

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CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH,

TO-WIT:

1. JAYE LEE A. CULLEN, A NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE CITY AND STATE AFORESAID, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING AFFIDAVIT OF PAMELA HUTCHENS ALBERT, DEPUTY COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY, WAS SIGNED TO AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME THIS 23RD DAY OF JANUARY, 1996.

JAYE LEE A. CULLEN
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

6/30/96

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Public Notice NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Virginia:
THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL BUILDING, MUNICIPAL CENTER, PRINCESS ANNE STATION, VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1996, AT 7:00 P.M., AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS WILL BE HEARD:

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:
KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH

1. AN ORDINANCE UPON APPLICATION OF TARGET FOR A CONDITIONAL CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION FROM R-5D RESIDENTIAL DUPLEX DISTRICT TO CONDITIONAL B-2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PRINCESS ANNE ROAD AND LYNNHAVEN PARKWAY. THE PROPOSED ZONING CLASSIFICATION CHANGE TO B-2 IS FOR GENERAL COMMERCIAL LAND USE. THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RECOMMENDS USE OF THIS PARCEL FOR SUBURBAN HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL AT DENSITIES THAT ARE COMPATIBLE WITH SINGLE FAMILY USE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OTHER PLAN POLICIES. SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 19 ACRES.

KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH

2. AN ORDINANCE UPON APPLICATION

OF DORIS VELMA WHITE-HARRIS FOR A CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION FROM A-12 APARTMENT DISTRICT TO R-10 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF OLD VIRGINIA BEACH ROAD, WEST OF S. BIRDNECK ROAD. THE PROPOSED ZONING CLASSIFICATION CHANGE TO R-10 IS FOR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL LAND USE ON LOTS NO LESS THAN 10,000 SQUARE FEET. THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RECOMMENDS USE OF THIS PARCEL FOR SUBURBAN LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL AT DENSITIES THAT ARE COMPATIBLE WITH SINGLE FAMILY USE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OTHER PLAN POLICIES. SAID PARCEL IS LOCATED AT 1171 OLD VIRGINIA BEACH ROAD AND CONTAINS 13,068 SQUARE FEET.

LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH

3. AN ORDINANCE UPON APPLICATION OF DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS, INC., FOR A CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION FROM R-5D RESIDENTIAL DUPLEX DISTRICT TO CONDITIONAL B-2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT ON THE EAST SIDE OF SALEM ROAD BEGINNING AT A POINT 1350 FEET MORE OR LESS NORTH OF LYNNHAVEN PARKWAY. SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 23,500 SQUARE FEET.

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HAMPTON ROADS ON THE MOVE

Economic Development in Hampton Roads is up, says 1995 Economic Activity Report

According to the 1995 Economic Activity Report, 88 newly located and expanding companies created 5,096 jobs, occupied 2,930,162 square feet of manufacturing, warehouse and office space, and invested \$187,639,476 in facilities and equipment in South Hampton Roads in 1995.

The report is presented by Forward Hampton Roads, the economic development division of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce.

It documents new company locations and existing company expansions in the cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk and Virginia Beach.

Only basic industries including manufacturers, wholesale distributors, companies that serve industry and non-industrial firms with markets outside the region are listed in the report, produced yearly since 1980.

Last year was an extremely good year for economic development in South Hampton Roads judging by the growth indicators. Three of the four indicators increased over the 1994 levels.

The 5,096 jobs created in 1995 are the most ever documented in the history of the Economic Activity

Report. The amount of additional square feet occupied is also the highest ever: 2,930,162 square feet in 1995.

At first glance, it would appear that capital investment declined from 1994's figure of \$441,169,632 to \$187,639,476 this year. It should be noted, however, that the Ford Motor Company's \$326,800,000 investment in its Norfolk plant was the prime mover in the 1994 investment figure.

Not only was this expansion the largest ever documented by the Economic Activity Report, but Ford's 1994 investment alone is more than any yearly total in the report's history. Without Ford, 1994 capital investment is \$114,369,632 which is below 1995's total. This signals strong development and business confidence in the Hampton Roads area.

Expanding firms were responsible for most of the 1995 activity. These 63 companies were 72 percent of the total number of firms, created 56 percent of the new jobs, occupied 71 percent of the additional square footage and invested 74 percent of the total.

The strong showing of newly located firms in the report counters

a recent trend in the region and the state of new companies accounting for less and less of the employment and investment totals.

The large number of jobs created by new firms in 1995 is especially notable. Nine of these new companies made investments of more than \$1 million.

This list includes Avis Rent-A-Car System, BMG Metals, Canon Computer Systems, Direct Marketing Enterprises, FAG Bearing Corporation, Oceanus Sensors Technologies, Panasonic Technologies Quasar, The New York Times Company and TWA.

There were 19 expanding firms that registered capital investments above \$1 million.

The highest investment was made by Lillian Vernon Corp. The company's 335,000 square-foot warehouse expansion is an investment of \$36.8 million.

Next was Suh Inc., which is building a new production facility and warehouse to accommodate its introduction of a new line of chain saws and grass trimmers.

Other significant investments were made by Allied Colloids (which continues to make annual expansions), Mitsubishi Chemical America and General Foam

Plastics. All three companies invested \$7 million or more.

In a standout year for job growth, several firms posted impressive job creation numbers. Lillian Vernon will hire 1,000 workers as a result of its expansion. Newly located Avis and TWA will both create 500 jobs.

Other notable figures are General Foam Plastics, with 400 jobs; Direct Marketing Enterprises, Panasonic Technologies Quasar and NationsBank, each with 300 jobs; and, Canon Computer Systems with 200 new positions.

The Economic Activity Report does not include government or military expansions but one significant investment should be noted.

In December of 1995, the U.S. Coast Guard announced that it would bring 478 jobs to Norfolk when its Maintenance and Logistics Command Atlantic Headquarters moves to Hampton Roads. The command will fill 91,800 square feet of private sector office space when the move is completed in the middle of May of this year.

Copies of the 1995 Economic Activity Report are available from the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 627-2315.

MDA salutes Harley-Davidson dealerships for their support

Love is in the air at Hampton Roads Harley-Davidson and Southside Harley-Davidson. Local representatives of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) recently gave the Harley-Davidson Inc. dealerships a special valentine as a result of its expansion. Newly located Avis and TWA will both create 500 jobs.

Bobby Sherid, the local MDA Goodwill ambassador, made two very special Harley valentines for the dealerships.

Both Harley-Davidson dealerships have held fund raising events for MDA, such as pledge motorcycle runs, field events and auctions all to help "Jerry's Kids."

"Harley-Davidson dealers, customers and owners' groups nationwide have raised more than \$20.2 million in the fight against neuromuscular diseases," said Sandra Pickin, president of the Hampton Roads chapter of MDA. "We wanted to show our

tremendous appreciation by paying special tribute during MDA's 'We Love Harley-Davidson Week.'"

According to Pickin, the funds raised by Harley-Davidson help make possible worldwide research seeking treatments and cures, as well as a great array of MDA services for children and adults with neuromuscular diseases in the community.

Among other fund raising activities for MDA, Harley-Davidson dealers across the country sponsor motorcycle rides in which riders gather pledges for each mile completed and donate the proceeds to MDA. Harley owner groups, dealers and customers also visit MDA summer camps to entertain youngsters affected by neuromuscular diseases. Harley-Davidson President and Chief Executive Officer Richard F. Teerlink is an MDA national vice president.

Local publications look at new home construction market, top builders list

Residential DataBank has announced the publication of its "1995 Executive Summary," which highlights and analyzes changes in the southeastern Virginia new home construction market last year and projects several events expected in 1996. Data is tracked in Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Isle of Wight, Hampton, Newport News, York County, Poquoson, Williamsburg and James City County for the annual report.

Also recently published is the "Top 25 Builders of the Year" list. Builders are ranked by total closings as well as building permit activity.

Residential DataBank collects, analyzes and publishes statistical data and information about the residential housing industry in Southeastern Virginia and is the leading source of information of this kind in Hampton Roads. For more information, call 671-1303.

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Knapp opens a new public relations firm

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One Graphics in Virginia Beach, in the fall of 1991 after eight years of successful operation. Her new firm specializes in representing not-for-profit organizations,

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As the paralegal profession

grows, the American Institute for Paralegal Studies Inc. is using new technology to place its students and graduates in jobs. One service the institute's placement department provides is a professional resume service.

The placement director actually prepares a resume for each student based on a detailed questionnaire. Once the resume is perfect, the placement director will do three things: provide the student with a laser printed original; supply a disk copy to the student; and, enter the resume into the American Institute's electronic resume bank.

The placement director then uses sophisticated job matching software to match a specific employer's

requirement with information provided in the student's profile. Each resume is stored in the institute's system or mailed to the employer. Job orders from employers are usually processed within a matter of hours.

It goes without saying that students come to the American Institute for Paralegal Studies Inc. to get a quality education. However, no one will spend their hard earned money unless opportunity for job placement is good. The institute not only excels because of its ability to educate students, but also because of its ability to place students and graduates.

American Institute graduates agree, Lottie Smith of Virginia Beach, a true real estate assistant for a major bank, received her training from the institute.

"My career goal has always been to try something in the legal field," said Smith. "I decided to attend paralegal school because I felt that I needed more specialized legal training. I can't imagine getting the position that I have now and performing at the level I am without the knowledge I gained through the American Institute's program.

Doris Brown, a Norfolk resident, is pleased with her education from the American Institute for Paralegal Studies Inc.

"I was a junior clerk working in microfilm at a local shipyard before obtaining my paralegal certificate," said Brown. There was no room for advancement and the layoff rate was very high. I was there six and-a-half years and laid off three times. Now I am a bankruptcy specialist.

"The variety of classes that the American Institute offers helped me to enter different areas of the legal field. I started out in a criminal law office and now I am on the other end of the legal field in bankruptcy."

Ongoing placement services are provided to all students and graduates. The American Institute for Paralegal Studies Inc. conducts classes at Regent University in Virginia Beach.

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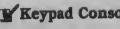


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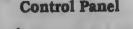
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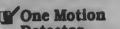
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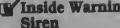
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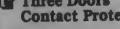
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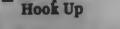
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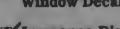
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Beach school board, council agree to consolidate services

Months after budget deficit, agencies agree on a merger

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

After months of negotiations, the School Board has agreed to consolidate the school division's accounting, payroll and purchasing into the city's Department of Finance. (Councilwoman Nancy Parker was absent.)

For one city council member the Virginia Beach consolidation did not go far enough although he joined the rest of council in the 10-0 vote to consolidate the accounting, payroll and purchasing activities into the city's Department of Finance. (Councilwoman Nancy Parker was absent.)

For two school board members the consolidation went too far.

They voted against the resolution, supporting the consolidation in an 8-2 vote. The board was short one member, Susan L. Creamer, who resigned over the reinstatement of budget director Mordecai Smith — although he will have lesser responsibilities.

Voting against the resolution were Dr. Ulysses Van Spiva and Ferdinand V. Tolentino.

The school board action was taken at a regular school board meeting just prior to a special meeting of city council called to consider the resolution.

A joint committee of school board

representatives (Tim Jackson and Joseph D. Taylor) and city council

representatives (Barbara Henley and

Linwood Branch) had been meeting to work out the details of the resolution which supports the consolidation of certain financial services and directs the city manager to work with the superintendent of schools to develop a consolidation agreement with a goal of beginning implementation on or before July 1, 1996.

Councilman Robert K. Dean said that he did not think that the consolidations should be restricted to only the three financial functions and suggested changes in the ordinance that would include other school services that should be looked out. He said that ever since he came on council almost four years ago he had pressed for consolidating services of the schools and the city to save money.

Other council members stressed the importance of sticking to the parameters of the consolidation that were considered by the ad hoc committee of school board and council members and to look at the resolution as a first step.

The resolution states that the consolidated will not infringe upon the policy-making functions of the Virginia Beach School Board and that the responsibility for taking appropriate corrective action for projected school division deficits and developing school division policies would remain with the school division and school board.

The responsibilities to develop,

monitor, maintain and control school division budgets will be retained by the school division and school board.

The council also reaffirms its commitment to maintaining its policy of no layoffs of any employees involved in the consolidation. But as improvements are made, vacant positions will be

evaluated for elimination. Dean also objected to this statement because, he pointed out, the purpose of consolidation is to save money and jobs are money.

In the resolution, the city manager is directed to work with the superintendent of schools to develop a consolidation agreement with the goal of beginning implementation on or before July 1, 1996. The manager is also directed to present a consolidation plan for council consideration in May.

Henley said that school representatives expressed some concern that the implementation could not be completed by July 1.

After Dean presented his requests for changes, councilwoman Louisa Strayhorn said that having worked with consolidation in the private sector, she learned that it is always good to stop at the first step.

"This is what we asked for, what we went to Richmond to ask for." To change the resolution at this point, she said would confuse people. She said that the resolution is a very good document, that it has been requested for so long, and that council should be consistent in its requests.

Councilman John A. Baum

agreed and said that the committee had reached a compromise.

Vice Mayor William D. Sessions Jr. said that the city has a committee that is working well and hoped that the resolution would be kept as it was presented.

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf said of Dean's proposed changes that no

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THE ARTS

ART BRIEFS

Potrafka Gallery adds to revitalization efforts

Registration is now open for March Art Saturdays at the Virginia Beach Center for the Arts. Ideas, subjects, styles, colors and patterns used by artists in two exhibitions provide the theme for each class which will begin with a brief interactive gallery discussion and continue in the studio.

Ages 6 to 8 will draw and paint; ages 9 to 11 will work in clay. Dates are March 2, 2 - 4 p.m., and March 9 and 16, 1 - 4 p.m.

Call 425-0000 now for a class schedule or register for these classes.

The Actors' Theatre (now located inside Pembroke Mall) in Virginia Beach, near Sears) will be holding auditions for their third show of the 1996 season, "The Miser" by Molire. The classic comedy, which takes place in 1688, is a true case of mistaken identities.

"The Miser" is one of the best comedies in dramatic literature. Open auditions will be held on Sunday, Feb. 25 from 6 - 9 p.m., and Monday, Feb. 26 from 7 - 9 p.m. Needed are 11 men and three women, ages 20 to 60. Bring a headshot and resume.

MaryAnne Katz, a resident of Chesapeake, is showing a group of 12 paintings at the Jewish Community Center of Tidewater, 7300 Newport Ave. in Norfolk. The exhibit will hang from Sunday, March 3 until Friday, March 29.

The works are executed in watercolor/ink and portray various aspects of mundane personal involvement in a fantasy-based surrealistic mode.

There will be a reception at the center on March 10 from 3 - 5 p.m. The artist will be present at this time.

Registration is still open for the following Adult Studio School Classes at the Virginia Beach Center for the Arts. Day and/or evening classes are offered in oil pastel, oil painting, ceramics, photography, jewelry design and marbling.

Call now for a class schedule or to register for classes which begin in March and April, 425-0000.

Conductor Walter Noona and the Virginia Symphony perform Pavilion Pops Series "March" at Virginia Beach's Pavilion Theatre at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 3. Keeping with the theme of marches, the concert features spirited music with an overview of American favorites.

Tickets for the Pavilion Pops Series are \$17 to \$26 and may be purchased by calling the Virginia Symphony Ticket Store, located in the Plaza One Building, 550 East Main St., Suite 505, Norfolk at 623-2310, at any Tidewater branch of First Virginia Bank, or by calling TicketMaster at 671-5100.

Virginia Wesleyan College will offer a Continuing Education Seminar for ministers on March 12 and 14. The seminar, "The Historical Jesus in the Ministry of the Church: Life or Messiah?" will be taught by Dr. Craig S. Wenzak, assistant professor of religious studies at the college.

The course, which is a study of the different portrayals of Jesus of Nazareth, will run for one half day, Tuesday, March 12, from 1 - 4:30 p.m., and for a full day on Thursday, March 14, from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. The seminar, which will be held in Village II, Roop Hall, Room 1, meets the requirements for one Continuing Education Credit (CEU) and is open to ministers of all denominations.

The cost for the course is \$45. Call the Office of Church and Community Relations at 424-1594 to register.

The Virginia Symphony performs its final Mozart and More Concert of the 1995-96 season on March 1 (Hampton Roads Academy) and March 2, (Phi Beta Kappa Hall) at 8 p.m. Andrew Sill will be conducting the performance featuring symphony musicians Patti Carlson on clarinet and Daniel Matukawa on bassoon.

Tickets for the Mozart and More Series range from \$18 to \$22.

In an event which will deliver a tremendous positive cultural impact not only to the revitalized downtown area of Portsmouth, but also to the Tidewater region as a whole, a new commercial fine arts gallery, The Potrafka Gallery, will open March 2 - 3 with a two-day celebration.

The gallery, housed in the former Bank of Virginia building at 600 Washington Street in downtown Portsmouth, boasts more than 20,000 square feet of display, studio and performance space, making it not only the largest commercial fine arts gallery Virginia, but also one of the largest in the country. The driving force behind this accomplishment is Portsmouth's Wayne Potrafka, who a year ago opened a smaller gallery in Portsmouth.

Potrafka, an award-winning potter, featured more than 50 artists from as far as New York and California and also to represent some of the best local art talent. This allowed the first Potrafka Gallery to showcase exciting new art seldom seen in the Tidewater area as well as giving new and emerging local artists a place to show their work.

With the success of the first year behind him (more than 90 percent of all new art galleries fold within a year), Potrafka is embarking on an expansion and relocation which will position the new gallery at the top of the list of significant art places in the region.

The building itself is divided into a main ground gallery and several smaller art galleries and performance area on the ground floor with the second floor devoted to artists' studios and classroom spaces.

The ground floor art galleries will tentatively feature a main gallery displaying all the artists represented by Potrafka, with the work of nearby artists such as Hampton's David Allen, Petersburg's Bob Miller, Richmond's Brad Pierson and Portsmouth's own Diana Davenport, whose hand made paper castings and vibrant oil pastels are some of the top pieces on display. Other notable names are Karen

Hober from North Carolina, whose one-of-a-kind Rock sculptures have become a highly sought-after art collectible; as well as acclaimed watercolorist Elaine Hahn from Lorton (she is one of a handful of watercolorists in the country who is a signature member of both the American Watercolor Society and the National Watercolor Society).

There is also the infrared photography of award-winning British (now a Virginian) photographer Cartiona Trafford Fraser, back-to-back winner of the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival as well as the one-of-a-kind jewelry of North Carolina's Katrina Miller.

George Nock, the former NFL running back who is now one of the nation's premier African-American artists is also represented in the main gallery, as is the haunting work of Russian-born (now living in Alexandria) Anna Shakeeva, a budding superstar and possibly the most promising new painter working in Virginia these days (her mystical paintings and monotypes will be featured this spring in one Washington D.C.'s premier gallery shows).

Also of note are the aquatic watercolors of North Carolina's Dennis Lightfoot and the oils of Virginia's Jane McCauley.

One of the smaller ground floor galleries will be used to feature wearable art, making this the only art gallery in Virginia devoted to this genre of art. A second ground gallery will be used to display the one person shows and yet another gallery will be tentatively made available to local art clubs, art schools, community groups, art-related organizations to display their members artwork.

On the second floor, initially more than 20 classes will be offered for both children and adults. The classes will begin in March and include most disciplines in the visual arts. Also on this floor are several artists studios available for rent by local artists in search of a working space.

For information on the opening or available classes or studio space, contact the gallery at 488-4013.

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Enjoy a taste of the arts

The Virginia Beach Center for the Arts and Art & Co. will present the Fifth Annual Wine Tasting on Friday, Feb. 23 from 6:30 - 10 p.m. The evening will include an informative lecture from 6:30 - 7 p.m., unlimited wine tasting from 7 - 10 p.m., hors d'oeuvres by several local restaurants, a silent auction and a raffle.

The galleries will be open featuring the exhibition "The Art of Work: The Work of Art," complemented by the acoustic guitar of Michael Mulder and a jazz trio comprised of Karl Werne on guitar, Eddie Williams on sax, and Larry

Emmanuel on percussion instruments.

There will be 29 featured wines distributed by Broady-Kantor, Tri-Cities Beverage and H. Belkov, whose representatives will be on hand during the event. A souvenir program will give brief descriptions of the wines, as well as other wine-related trivia. Co-chairing the event for Art & Co. are Robyn Klesath and Eric Worden, afternoons personality on Classic Hits 106.9 WAFX.

Tickets should be purchased early because the wine tasting is an indoor event and capacity is limited. This sold out the past two years Advance tickets

are \$22 for general admission, \$18 for Art & Co. members and \$28 at the door. Proceeds from the event will be used to benefit the center's exhibition and education programs.

Art & Co. is grateful to Merrill Lynch, GTE Mobilnet, Virginia Beach Federal Savings Bank, WJCD Smooth Jazz, Park Folio Magazine, Artfix and Birdland Records for their support of the event. Tickets may be purchased at the Center for the Arts, at both Artfix locations (Ghent and Hilltop), and at Birdland Records in the Providence Square Shopping Center. For ticket information, call 425-0000.

Portsmouth Museums debut 'Bestial Angels'

The Arts Center of the Portsmouth Museums will present an exhibition that includes the artwork of animal images from around the world exploring their mythic and cultural roles.

"Bestial Angels" will open Thursday, March 7 from 6 - 8 p.m. in the main gallery in conjunction with the Tidewater Artists Association's "Guardians, Harbingers and Messengers" and is a benefit of museum membership.

All non-members are requested to leave a donation of \$3 at the door.

On Friday, March 8 at 10 a.m., "Bestial Angels" artist Federico Correa of Norfolk, will give a gallery talk "Bestial Angels" as part of the Docent Orientation Program which is free and open to the public.

"Bestial Angels," curated by Carolyn Eyer and organized by Will King of the Regional Arts Center, in Abingdon, is a mixture of contemporary art juxtaposed with historic pieces that explore how

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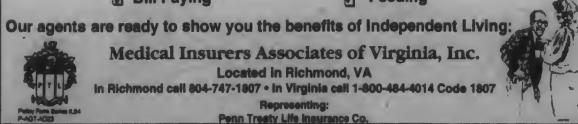
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Prevent the most common mistakes on your tax return

Year after year people make mistakes when filling out and filing their tax forms. H&R Block says that some people make the same mistakes every year and taxpayers should take extra steps to avoid making them.

Steven R. Dickey is president of the H&R Block franchise that operates 186 H&R Block offices in Virginia and northeast North Carolina.

"Not only do mistakes by taxpayers potentially keep them from getting the full return they deserve, but with additional IRS scrutiny for mistakes, it may mean a delay in getting their tax refund," Dickey noted. "Our tax preparers are trained to help catch mistakes and

correct them, but taxpayers who file their own need to take extra precautions."

It has also been found that people who wait until the last minute to prepare and file their taxes make more mistakes than people who do it early. Some of the most common mistakes H&R Block finds are:

- Incorrect filing status (i.e., head of household, not single).
- Lack of Social Security number for children (now required for all children born before Nov. 1, 1995).
- Not rounding off to the nearest dollar when filing electronically.
- The classic mathematical error, poor addition/subtraction.
- Military personnel not

calculating BAS or BAQ as nontaxable earned incomes.

- Using the wrong tax table, particularly for Earned Income Credit.
- Not calculating tax penalty for early withdrawal of pension/IRA funds.
- Trying to use car licenses and county/city stickers as a deduction.
- Not including state tax refund as income, if itemized the previous year.
- Not including state tax balance due from the previous year as a deduction on Schedule A/itemized deductions.

Federal Income Tax forms are due April 15.

What is a migraine and how is it triggered?

By Peter J. Kemp, M.D.

A migraine is a condition that involves several symptoms, although a headache is the most common symptom seen. Other symptoms may include nausea, vomiting, increased sensitivity to light and noise, diarrhea, sweating and paleness. Symptoms will vary from one individual to another.

In most migraines, when the headache begins, the pain is usually limited to one side of the head, often the temple area, but begins to increase as a dull ache, progressing to a pulsating throbbing.

The pain may persist for a few hours or last for several days.

Although emotional stress may provoke a migraine, a migraine itself is a true physical condition, not a mental disorder. A migraine is perceived by many people as a nuisance, but is actually a medical condition that requires emotional support from family and friends due to the severity of the pain the individual experiences.

There are different types of migraines.

A classic migraine occurs less often than the common migraine variety, accounting for only one out of every 10 migraine cases.

Classic migraine sufferers experience certain neurological symptoms, called aurae, that typically precede the headache.

These disturbances can be anything from flashing lights to dots, zig-zag lines or floating visual images which the person can see prior to getting a migraine.

The feeling of pins and needles on the fingers of one hand, gradually moving up the arm and affecting the face is also another typical aura. Auras themselves are a warning of an on-coming attack of a migraine headache. They usually last approximately 20 minutes.

Common migraine sufferers do not experience auras. Instead, the individuals suffer from a headache without any well-defined aurae.

Usually, you can see gastrointestinal symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, which tend to strike common migraine sufferers more frequently. Many people call common migraines "sick headaches" due to the nausea and vomiting they experience during the attacks.

What causes migraines? The exact cause is not truly known, but it is theorized that changes in the size of blood vessels in the head are related to the cause.

Initially, for an unknown reason, the blood vessels in the area of the brain first contract inappropriately. Next, the vessels will expand abnormally.

This expansion stretches the walls of the arteries, which are surrounded by sensitive nerves, resulting in pain.

Some people wonder if migraines can be inherited from their parents. In fact, they can. Some evidence indicates if one parent suffers migraines, a child has a nearly 50 percent chance of becoming a

migraine sufferer as well.

This figure jumps to 70 percent when both parents have a history of migraines.

It is known that certain things will trigger migraine headaches. One is environment exposure, such as changes in the weather, noise or motion.

Eye strain or sensitivity to bright light may cause an attack. Dietary concerns are also noted. About 10 percent of migraine sufferers are susceptible to certain food triggers. Foods that contain monosodium glutamate (MSG), which is used in many Chinese foods and in dry soup mixes, are often associated with migraines. Certain foods that contain nitrates, such as hotdogs, bacon or cured meats may cause migraines as well.

Women also report that more migraines occur just before menstruation when the amount of the female sex hormone, known as Estrogen, drops to a lower level.

Emotions, such as stress, and some medications, including the

cardiac medication nitroglycerin, can also trigger migraines.

If you think you are suffering from migraines, the first thing you should do is consult your doctor or health care provider.

There are many preventative measures, such as: limiting the type of foods that may trigger migraines; reducing stress; and, eliminating medications that will constrict the blood vessels, causing the migraines.

It is wise to consult your physician before you are placed on any type of medication, as there are some medications that can be used to prevent the attacks.

Suffering from migraines can be a debilitating medical condition, but one that can be prevented through medication and lifestyle changes.

Feel free to contact your doctor, health care provider or our office if you need further information about this.

Dr. Peter J. Kemp is an OB/GYN practicing in Chesapeake.

Local realtors receive kudos

William E. Wood and Associates Realtors recently held their 23rd Annual Awards Breakfast at the Holiday Inn-Hampton Coliseum.

Top sales associates in numerous categories were recognized by W. Brock Wood, chairman of the board, and Richard B. Thurmond, president.

Mike Roberson of the J. Clyde Morris Office was announced as the Top Listing and Sales Agent for 1995.

Awards were given to 304 Winners Circle recipients, and the Presidents' Club recognized 10 new and 59 returning members. Top Listing and Top Sales agents from each branch office were also announced.

Other awards presented were:

- Site Agent of the Year — Andy Mullen, New Homes;
- Referral Agent of the Year — Harriet Ragsdale, Great Neck;
- Highest Number In-house

Sales — Tom Dibuono, Holland Road;

■ Most Expensive Sale — Gail Garrington, Laskin Road;

■ Least Expensive Sale — Tom Dibuono, Holland Road and Geno Lowery, Smithfield;

■ Property Manager of the Year — Gladys Fain;

■ Sales Rookie of the Year — Dee Scruggs, Laskin Road; and,

■ Listing Rookie of the Year — Bob Sael, Great Bridge.

Top listing agents for southside branches for 1995 included Don King, Churchland; Suzanne Barr, Hampton Boulevard; Debbie Barnes, Great Bridge; Amy Rundalwe, Great Neck; Carol Hall, Haygood; Tom Dibuono, Holland Road; George Frech, Kempsville; Gail Garrington, Laskin Road; Harry Vergakis, Little Creek Road; Tom Duckett, Lynnhaven; and, Kaye Stanley, Smithfield.

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Citizens rally to save shelters

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throughout Hampton Roads asking for donations. Businesses will set out canisters and many businesses and civic organizations will be challenged to match donations by similar groups.

"The intent is for everyone to give just one dollar. Anyone can get involved, take an envelope to your office, garden club, PTA, where ever people gather," said Schorr.

Last week Samaritan House held a rally at Cox High School to raise money and awareness for their plight. Several community leaders, including Mayor Meyera Oberndorf, asked the audience to become involved in the campaign.

"We've been faced with many challenges over the years but none so great as this, as we stare down

the specter of losing eight of our ten shelter, even as we turn away nine out of 10 families," said Executive Director Ellen Ferber.

A woman called Sandra, who stayed at Samaritan House three years ago, told her story of fleeing domestic violence with her two children.

"We had to leave quickly. The menu I planned for that night was left on the stove. We were full of fear, I called the number in the phone book. There was a kind voice on the other end.

From there, the journey went upward. What would I have done if there had been no Samaritan House?" asked Sandra.

Sandra urged everyone to give just one dollar.

"A dollar is not so much to ask, give up some ice cream, not so

many cookies. I am so glad there was a Samaritan House, so glad there were people who cared enough to help me when the pressure was on," said Sandra.

Residents who would like to contribute funds but don't want to participate in fund raising can do so by mailing contributions to Samaritan House SOS, 2697 International Pkwy., Pkwy. II, Suite 107, Virginia Beach Va. 23752.

In addition, an SOS 24-hour phone, 978-0311, and fax machine are set up to answer any questions.

"We are not just taking care of those people," said Schorr. "We are taking care of all of us. We have all witnessed unkindness to our sisters, mothers, grandmothers. Most of us are only one paycheck away from being homeless. It's not 'we' and 'they' but 'us,'" Schorr.

Wall of Love unveiled at Beach

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households and who must, along with their parents desire to enter into a match.

Pairs are made based on backgrounds, the stated preferences of adult volunteers, parents and youth and on geographic proximity. On average, the adult-youth match meets for three to four hours three times per month for at least a year.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters has been proven effective. Public/Private Ventures conducted a comparative study of 959 10 to 16 year-olds who applied to the program in 1992 and 1993. Half of these youths were randomly assigned to a treatment group for which matches were made or attempted, the other half were assigned to Big Brothers/Big Sisters waiting lists. The two groups were compared after 18 months.

Results showed that participants in the program were less likely to start using drugs and alcohol and were less likely to hit someone. In addition, findings showed improved school attendance, performance and attitudes towards completing school work. Also, improved peer and family relations were proven.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters needs volunteers. There is a 300 person waiting list. Some children have been waiting between two and three years to be matched.

Fiveash has been a Big Brother for a year and a half. During this time he has seen some positive changes take place in Gregg.

"Marcus has gotten more confident, more open since I first met him. He says what's on his mind now. He voices his opinions, and that's important because he has a lot of good ideas," said Fiveash.

Out of college and working, Fiveash wanted to give something back to his community. Big Brothers/Big Sisters seemed to him the most worth while way to accomplish that.

Anybody who is interested should find out more about the program because it is very rewarding; but, realize that it is a large time commitment. When you agree to be a Big Brother it is not something to be taken lightly. The kids expect you to be there and if you're not it's not fair to them because they come to accept you as a friend," said Fiveash.

School board, council come to agreement

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one was arguing that his proposals are not prudent "but we have an artery cut and have to deal with the first wound. Today we are dealing with one specific area. We have gotten the approval of the school board."

Councilman Harold Heischbacher said that it had been several weeks, if not months, that council has been on track to consolidate the three areas. Finally the school board

agreed, he said, and to go back and say we want to rebind this — "I don't think they would like it."

He said it would be like double dealing. He pointed out that the city has a new school superintendent and the city manager needs to discuss the issues with him.

"Our citizens are wanting to know we are coming together to address the budget problem" he said, and appealed for a 10-0 vote on the resolution.

Dean said that the "primary

person we're leaving out of the equation is the taxpayer."

Henley said that the committee was appointed to work on specific issues. She said that although other issues, such as consolidating print shop operations, she thought only the specific issues should be addressed in the resolution. She pointed out that some people on the school board are opposed to consolidation. She said that the future could hold all kinds of opportunities.

Get set to work up some sweat!

AerobicRhythms Christian Aerobic Resource has been providing training and continuing education credits for exercise instructors for the last 20 years. As in the past, the workshop opportunity will provide motivating, fun choreography for step aerobics, and strength taught by the country's top professional presenters.

The Faithfully Fit Tour '96, a one-day training seminar for aerobic instructors will be held in Virginia Beach on March 9.

Pre-registration will earn early bird discounts and free shoes from Reebok, free cap from Avia, free dyne band from Fitness Wholesale, free exerband from Spiro, and a free 75-minute video — "Working With The Inactive Market" from the Christian Aerobic Resource featuring Barb Kane. Barb Kane is a registered respiratory therapist and president of Scrupulous Dimensions, a leadership enhancement company. She has competed in the Reebok National Aerobic Championships and is a Midwest Region Medalist. She is certified for Personal training and Aerobic Instruction through the American Council of Exercise.

The Saturday, March 9 seminar registration will begin at 8 a.m., followed from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. by Session I "Steppin' With Spirit." Recharge your step choreography with new sequences that will keep your students coming back for more. You'll learn: Step combinations using basic and advanced choreography, cueing techniques to smooth out transitions and practical ideas for working with a range of fitness levels.

From 10 - 10:15 a.m. there will be free snacks and door prizes.

From 10:15 - 11:45 a.m. enjoy Session II, "Mid Tempo Aerobics: Today's Workout of Choice." Learn how to design an effective and challenging workout using today's

most popular aerobic format. Our presenters will show you combinations and modifications that work for all fitness levels. Understand the concept of creating high intensity work at slower speeds and see better results with fewer injuries!

From noon - 12:30 p.m. it's Session III, "Reaching and Keeping The Inactive Client." Eighty-five percent of Americans are considered inactive. Learn how to program especially for this majority or to modify your current program to attract those who need it most. Expand your ministry and/or your professional expertise. Receive Barb Kane's free video with this session.

A free class following the seminar, "Become a JUMP START Trainer," will include ideas for building your own business by training beginning instructors with the new JUMP START Training

program. Marketing your training skill and services using this incredible package of materials can provide opportunities to expand business and create new programs.

Certified participants will receive four continuing education credits (CEC's) units through Aerobic Council of Exercise (ACE) and Aerobic Fitness Association of America (AFAA). The free video "Working With the Inactive Market" will have home study CEC's also. Workouts are set to music to today's most popular contemporary Christian artists. Tapes are professionally mixed with the beat adjusted to a steady eight count in 32 count phrases.

Registration for Faithfully Fit Tour '96 is now open. For advanced registration and discounts, call A/R Christian Aerobic Resource, 1-800-650-9908.

Spring planting delayed

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vegetables bolt, or run to seed before they mature.

Turips and onions, in particular, should be set out as early as possible, added, and fruit trees should also be sprayed for worms in March.

"Some years you can (plow and plant early) and some years you can't," he said. "Last year I planted in March, this year it probably won't be dry enough to plow before

the end of March. This year's going to be bad."

"This year the ground won't thaw out," agreed McNicholl. Still, he stays as busy as possible at his nursery, cleaning up from the storms and re-potting perennials whenever the weather permits. And he offers encouragement for gardeners itching to get started.

"Spring's right around the corner," he said, "and the days are getting longer by two minutes a day."

Professional Women nominees sought

Nominations are now being accepted for the 15th Annual Outstanding Professional Women of Hampton Roads Awards. This year's awards will be presented by area business leaders representing the 15 corporate sponsors during the ceremony in the Virginia Beach Pavilion Theatre on May 29 at 8 p.m.

Nominations are open to the public and should detail the experience and contributions of the nominee in business, industry, medicine, law, politics, civic, volunteer and social work.

For nomination details or ticket information, call Barbara Lewis at 490-8340. Nominations are being accepted through March 30.

EDUCATION

State poet laureate pays special visit to aspiring young writers

Linkhorn Park Elem. hosts Kathryn Thro

By MARGARET WINDLEY

Sun Correspondent

How many gloves does a poet laureate go through in a year?

Students at Linkhorn Park Elementary learned the answer to that one from Kathryn Forrester Thro, the poet laureate of Virginia, who came to the school last week to read them some of her work and address them about writing poetry.

Thro, a Norfolk resident, explained to them that she goes through about 25 to 35 different pairs of gloves during a year.

"When I go to a poetry tea or something else special I must wear gloves," she said. "Each glove has a memory. Some I do not wear again because they have such wonderful memories, like the pink gloves my mother wore to the Eisenhower inauguration."

In her second year as the state's most honored poet, she speaks from experience.

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"We didn't have one for many years," she said of the honorary appointive position. "The Virginia General Assembly votes on it. I have been renewed for the second year; and, I should be the poet laureate emeritus after they finish renewing me."

Her laureateship has a goal — she is trying to help Virginia's school system and has chosen to push anti-violence themes by encouraging emotionally-stressed youth to vent their feelings by writing about them in a journal rather than acting upon them.

The laureate works two days a week in *The Virginian Pilot's* advertising department, which gives her time to write poetry while bringing her a little extra money.

"I use that money so that I can go traveling because you know how writing poetry is. You must always keep that day job and encourage children to keep in school."

Becoming laureate has slowed down her poetic muse, however.

"I used to write about 25 poems a year," she admitted. "Now I'm very busy and write maybe five or six."

In answer to a child's question about how to start to write poetry, Thro answered that she felt inspiration at different times and places.

"Sometimes I am in a car or in the back of a taxicab in New York or just before going to bed at night. I like making poetry exciting for other people."

She added a quote from William Styron about the location of poetry. "He said 'it came from the back of your knees.' If it wouldn't come, he'd say, 'you have the syrup, but it won't pour.'

But to her, the muse speaks or perhaps pours. "I will hear the first two lines of a poem in my head," she said.

For third grader Justin Sexton, Thro's visit has changed his life. He hadn't liked poetry until he heard her read some of her verse.

But for third grader Chanaya Hinton, who has been writing poems for about a month, the attraction was different.

Looking for hints for her own poetry writing, she said, "I got the idea to feel the beat."

Third grader Stacy Wade responded to Thro's poems about school.

"I liked when she talked about when she was in school, how she wrote her poems," she said, thinking of some poems Thro had read to them about forgetting homework and being sent to the principal's office.

Thro, whose third cousin was the playwright Eugene O'Neill spent much of her early life in highly-dramatic circles.

"When I visited my grandmother," she said, "I had to write nine-act plays to satisfy her. On her death bed she made the priest wait until I wrote a nine-act play for her."

Norris Spencer, a teacher at Linkhorn Park, explained that the school had found out about Thro through a parent of a student. "One of the people here who is a parent, Barbara Hanson, is in her Sunday School class, and that is how we found out about her," she said. "I thought her poems were delightful."

Other poets laureate of Virginia have been Ruby A. Roberts and Guy Drewry.

"At the age of 17, Thro was awarded the All Festival Historians Award at the University of Virginia's State One Act Play Festival. Devoting her life to poetic and dramatic presentations of Virginia history, she was named poet laureate of Virginia by the Virginia General Assembly in 1994."

Her patrons are Del. George Heilig, Sr., Speaker of the House Thomas W. Moss Jr., Sen. Stanley C. Walker, Sen. Yvonne B. Miller, Del. Howard Copeland, Del. Jerrald C. Jones and Del. William P. Robinson Jr.



Courtesy Photo

Winners on the field, court

The Virginia Beach Sports Club recently made its awards to local high school athletes who were considered outstanding fall sports in the Virginia Beach District. Winners, front from left, were: Kim Miller, Cox High School, field hockey; Adrienne Parker, Kempsville High School, girls cross country; Kris Beck, Cox High School, boys cross country; Milly Kannarkat, First Colonial High School, tennis. Back row: Jenny Harmon, Salem High School, girls volleyball; Mike Majette, Princess Anne High School, football; Kevin Jones, Talwood High School, boys volleyball; and Troy Cummings, Cox High School, golf. The Virginia Beach Sports Club

makes seasonal awards twice a year. In addition, the club has its Annual Jamboree, which this year will be at the Sheraton Beach Inn on March 11. At the jamboree awards are made to the overall top high school athletes for the year. Speaker this year is Charlie Weatherbie, head football coach at the U.S. Naval Academy. Call Sheldon Conner at 428-1731 for more information. The other Virginia Beach Sports Club program for local high school students is its Annual Scholarship Awards which are made each year to outstanding high school seniors in the top 10 percent of their class who lettered in at least one sport. Last year this program made 14 awards of \$1,500 each. To date, the club has presented nearly \$250,000 in this program.

ACADEMIC HONORS

The Cox High School voted Jeff Shoaf Teacher of the Year. Shoaf has taught math at Cox for the last 11 years.

Gertrude Duke, a kindergartener at Indian Lakes Elementary, has been selected Teacher of the Year for her school.

Arrowhead Elementary congratulates Anne Trafton on being chosen the school's Teacher of the Year. Trafton is the school's art specialist. She brings out the children's artistic ability which is displayed throughout the school.

Also congratulations to Michelle Armentrout on being chosen Reading Teacher of the Year. Armentrout is the reading resource teacher. Her teaching methods and enthusiasm for books foster a love of reading in all areas of the curriculum.

Twenty-nine Cox High School student were selected for the All-District Band.

Those selected were Aditi Agarwal, Andrea Baker, James Barnes, Devin Breeden, Doug Call, Charity Carpenter, Rob Esperal, Jim Everett, Kyle Flohre, Bill Freid, Lindsay Fliz, Sono Fujimura, Hilary George, Mandy George, Scott Gleason, Jeremy Ingalls, Honothan Lichtenstein, Katie McKeon, Rachel Mein, Joe Monahan, Jennifer Morgan, Melanie Morgan, Corinne Norman, Sarah Pratt, Patty Rodriguez, Chris Steckroth, Jackie Warren, Vanessa Wilhelmi and Sara Woo.

Brandon Middle School has announced Dr. David Bailey, eighth-grade Social Studies teacher, as 1995-96 Teacher of the Year.

Dr. Bailey has been a classroom teacher for 32 years and an adjunct professor at ODU since 1971. At Brandon he has served as Social Studies Department Chair, and was on the steering committees of five self-studies.

Seatack Elementary has chosen Vivian Brinson as Teacher of the Year and Tam Thomas as Reading Teacher of the Year.

Students at Seatack Elementary School participated in the National PTA Reflections contest. The winners will advance to the Virginia Beach City Schools competition. They are: Visual Arts, Primary, Tiffany Mason, 6, and Intermediate, Timothy Redinger, 11; Literature, Primary, Amber Brooks, 7; Intermediate, James Maupin, 9; Music, Intermediate, Jasmine Silver, 8.

Malibu Elementary does 'whatever it takes' to promote eager readers

By JACKIE MATTHEWS

School Correspondent

The month of January is designated as reading month in all the Virginia Beach schools.

Many of the elementary schools go to extreme measures to impress young students on the importance of learning and enjoying reading. Posters, book displays, catchy slogans, reading contests, writing and binding books are a few methods used to enhance reading interest.

Wanda Johnson uses puppets, arts skills or whatever necessary to sieve a reading interest.

"Whatever it takes to get an eager reader," said Johnson, librarian at Malibu Elementary.

During January daily guests from many avenues of life were invited to Malibu by Gail Duberstein, reading resource teacher. They beautifully demonstrated reading and story telling techniques.

Among the guests were Meyera Oberndorf, mayor of Virginia Beach; Fericel Teletino, Virginia Beach School Board; Jennifer Duberstein, Neptune Princess; Marion Kilian, Annette Homes, Carolyn Pratts and Barbara Hartes, storytellers from the Norfolk Story League; Scot Cash, Channel 13 sports announcer; Pam Murphy, assistant manager AMC Theater; Santa Claus with his sleigh, Hugh Huffman; Aaron Downing and Rod Taylor, Admirals hockey players; Fireman Pencil from Station #20; Susan Clark, principal, and Tracy



Courtesy Photo

READ ALL ABOUT IT. Malibu Elementary School Principal Susan Clark enthusiastically takes part in the festivities.

Brown, head custodian, accompanied by guitar; and, eight public speaking-frolics team storytellers from Princess Anne High School. The students at Malibu gained a great deal of knowledge from these individuals.

Santa, out of season, gave several interesting questions from the lower grades. Four of the Princess Anne storytellers were prior students at Malibu.

Jennifer Woodward, a senior from the high school, advised the young children to begin reading now, and read often. She recalled while at Malibu she had to read 70 books to be selected to participate in the Battle of the Books Contest. This was a contest where schools throughout the system competed.

Panels of four selected students answered intricate questions about approximately 70 books. The onset of the contest was 1986. Courthouse Elementary was the first place winner. In 1987, the first place went to Cooke Elementary. In 1988, College Park won first place. Malibu entered the contest in 1988 taking second place. From 1989 - 1992, the next four years Malibu took first place.

The contest was abandoned in 1993 since "obviously" Malibu couldn't be defeated.

Loren Mills, another senior at Princess Anne, said, "Our school was thrilled to have their team come home winners, but most important was the fun they all had reading the books."

She suggested they choose subjects and books they enjoyed and read, read, read.



Courtesy Photo

Just like being there!

Movie lovers made "Indian in the Cupboard" a huge success. But Alice Layne, a social studies teacher at Princess Anne Middle School, has known for years about the magic of a child's imagination. Her yearly tradition is to have students produce a room full of Native American dwellings — scale-size, of course. From teepees to longhouses to adobe complexes, the students' cleverness and creativity were evident. Holding their models, from left, are Ryan Florin, Steven Shunk, JJ Cerny, Will Gregory, Kelly Isbrandtsen and Alan Kline.



Courtesy Photo

Get your books here!

As part of January Reading Month at Linkhorn Park Elementary School, the students participated in a gently-used book swap. Mary Jett Cole, a second grader, seemed to really enjoy sharing her new books with school media specialist Donna McKenna.

Lace up your bowling shoes

Whether bowling is your forte, or just your weekend fun, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of South Hampton Roads is looking for volunteers to participate in their Annual Bowl For Kids' Sake. The event, sponsored by Sentara Health System, is scheduled for Saturday, March 16 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Pinboys of Lynnhaven Bowling Center (across from Lynnhaven Mall) and from 1 - 5 p.m. at the Pinboys of Norfolk Bowling Center (E. Little Creek and Azalea Garden roads).

Similar to a bowl-a-thon, teams of four to five members are needed. Teams may consist of friends, family members or co-workers; each team member is encouraged to raise at least \$30. Bowlers will raise money through the support pledges of friends and bowl for approximately one hour and a half. Grand prizes include a vacation package (chosen from choice resorts throughout the U.S.). Prizes of every level of pledges (minimum of \$50) to be chosen from a prize catalog. Door prizes, two free games of bowling, free shoes, free munchies and a free Bowl For Kids' Sake T-shirt to all bowlers raising a minimum of \$50.

Event organizers are seeking corporate liaisons, team captains and team members. Volunteers are encouraged to call Teressa Chubb at 490-KIDS (490-5437). If you are interested in becoming a Big Brother or a Big Sister, call 490-KIDS.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America is a national organization that strives to assist at-risk children from single parent households in reaching their full potential, despite adverse circumstances. Just a few hours a week as a positive role model to a child in need can be a priceless and rewarding gift. There are currently more than 300 children in South Hampton Roads waiting for a Big Brother or Big Sister.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Virginia: The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia on Tuesday, March 12, 1996 at 3:00pm, at which time the following applications will be heard:

MODIFICATION TO LAND USE PLAN: PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH

Application of Taylor Farm Associates, LLC for a modification to the Land Use Plan for T.C.C. Development Corporation which was granted on January 14, 1985. Property is located on London Bridge Road west of Pine View Avenue. Said parcel contains 300 acres. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION: BAYSIDE BOROUGH

An Ordinance upon Application of John W. & Leslie T. Summs for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-40 Residential District to Historical & Cultural District on certain property located in the southwest corner of Cypress Point Road and Meeting House Road. Said parcel is located at 4001 Church Point Road and contains 3600 square feet. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

An Ordinance upon application of John W. & Leslie T. Summs for a Conditional Use Permit for a bed & breakfast inn in the H-C District located at the southwest corner of Cypress Point Road and Meeting House Road. Said parcel is located at 4001 Church Point Road and contains 3600 square feet. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH

An Ordinance upon Application of Saint Matthews Catholic Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a private school expansion on Sandra Lane beginning at point 100 feet north of Trestman Avenue. Said parcel is located at 3314 Sandra Lane and contains 13.013 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

An Ordinance upon Application of P.C.S. PrimeCo L.P., for a Conditional Use Permit for a 150-foot communications tower on the east side of Princess Anne Road, south of Providence Road. Said parcel is located at 4224 Princess Anne Road and contains 4.577 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH:

An Ordinance upon Application

of Nancy & Elzie Albertson for a Conditional Change of Zoning District Classification from R-40 Residential District to P-1 Preservation District on certain property located on the south side of Petty Road beginning at the intersection of Ingram Road and Petty Road. Said parcel contains 13.52 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

An Ordinance upon Application of Fred J. Metz for a conditional Use Permit for a community pier at the northwest corner of Gilbert Circle & Circuit Court. Said parcel is located at 805 Circuit Court and contains 1 acre. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AAE City Clerk

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Virginia Beach Planning commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 13, 1996 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Courthouse, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

An Ordinance upon Application of D.W. Gatling, Inc., T/A Allsafe Self Storage for a Conditional Use Permit for mini-warehouses on certain property located at the northeast corner of Mayberry Road and S. Kentucky Avenue. Said parcel contains 2,716.3 acres. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

An Ordinance upon Application of Betty D. Stewart for a Change of Zoning District classification from R-2.5 Residential Townhouse District to R-15 Residential District on the west side of Wakefield Drive, south of Sir Richard Drive on Parcels A-3 and A-4, Thoroughgood Colony. The proposed zoning classification change to R-15 is for single family land use on lots no less than 15,000 square feet.

The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban high density residential at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcels contain 1.063 acres more or less. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

An Ordinance upon Application of T.J. Slack & Co., for a Change of Zoning District classification from A-18 Apartment District to R-5 Residential Single Family District on the west side of Lincoln Avenue, south of Bancroft Avenue on Lots 39 & 40, Block 14, Pecan Gardens. The proposed zoning classification change to R-5 is for single family land use on lots no less

than 5,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for urban medium high density districts that are compatible with multi-family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 729 Lincoln Avenue and contains 5,000 square feet. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

An Ordinance upon Application of European Autoworks, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile repair garage on the south side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, 530.80 feet west of Toy Avenue. Said parcel is located at 5461 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 37.897 square feet. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

An Ordinance upon Application of Dominion Auto Finance for a Conditional Use Permit for used auto sales on the south side of Shore Drive, 250 feet west of Independence Boulevard. Said parcel is located at 5173 Shore Drive and contains 0.21 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

An Ordinance upon Application of Commonwealth of Virginia for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on certain property located on the south side of Shell Road beginning at a point 900 feet more or less east of Cullen Road. Said parcel contains 4,539 acres. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

An Ordinance upon Application of James L. Harrell, III & C.W. Harrell & Associates for a Conditional Use Permit for a gasoline service station in conjunction with a convenience store on the north side of Sandbridge Road, east of Entrada Drive. Said parcel is located at 1756 Sandbridge Road and contains 40,075 square feet. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

An Ordinance upon Application of One 1985 Ford Thunderbird (Miller) One 1988 Dodge Hatchback (Duncan) One 1981 VW Rabbit (Marcellin) \$2600 US Currency (Bennett) \$400.00 US Currency (Adams) \$284.00 United States Currency (Clark)

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District on May 4, 1987. Property is located at 5032-5024 Rouse Drive. KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 1/10/96:

An Ordinance upon Application of Alex & O. Peck Kotarides for a Change of Zoning District Classification from O-2 Office District to B-2 Community Business District at the southwest corner of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Fair Meadows Road. The proposed zoning classification to B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban medium density residential at densities that are compatible with single family use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said property is located on Lots 137, 138, & 139, Fair Meadows and contains 22,498.74 square feet. BAYSIDE BOROUGH.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 2/14/96:

An Ordinance upon Application of Leo C. Wardrup, Jr. & Leo C. Wardrup, III. Property is located at 1057 Olds Lane. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 2/14/96:

An Ordinance upon Application of Commonwealth of Virginia, Plaintiff v. \$590.00 United States Currency (Wood) \$932.00 United States Currency (Tyson) \$679.00 US Currency (Rogers) One 1985 Ford Thunderbird (Miller) One 1988 Dodge Hatchback (Duncan) One 1981 VW Rabbit (Marcellin) \$2600 US Currency (Bennett) \$400.00 US Currency (Adams) \$284.00 United States Currency (Clark)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Civic

United Cerebral Palsy of Southeastern Virginia Inc. will hold a Kids On The Block puppet troupe and volunteer orientation meeting on March 6 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. The Kids On The Block puppet troupe performs educational, interactive disability awareness puppet shows for students, grades three through eight in South Hampton Roads. The puppet troupe was organized in September. By May of 1996 the troupe will have performed to a grand total of 17,110 children.

Persons wishing to volunteer as puppets with the Kids On The Block puppet troupe are invited to this meeting. A professional puppeteer will be on hand. Refreshments will be served. Contact Suzanne Buhner at 497-7474 for more information.

In conjunction with the Doris Day Animal League's nationwide "Spay Day - U.S.A." theme, Tidewater Humane will be on locating at Pembroke Mall in the court near Upton's on Saturday, Feb. 24 from noon - 5 p.m. Free spay/neuter certificates will be given away to the first 75 pet owners who visit the booth (limit one certificate per person or address). For the remainder of the day, certificates will be \$20 for cats and \$30 for dogs (\$5 off our regular prices).

The Princess Anne Corridor Steering Committee, a group tasked by the city council with assisting in planning the former Lake Ridge property and the surrounding city-owned properties within the Princess Anne Corridor, invites interested citizens, property owners and others to open houses related to the current planning effort.

The Open Houses will be held on Monday, Feb. 26 and Monday, March 11 from 7 - 8:30 p.m., at the Landstown Elementary School, which is located on Recreation Dr., adjacent to Princess Anne Park.

Clubs

The American Society for Training and Development, Southeastern Virginia Chapter, will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at the Norfolk Airport Hilton. Networking begins at 6 p.m.; dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program. Call ASTD voice mail at 640-0045 for more information or to make a reservation.

The Virginia Beach Association of Medical Assistants will meet Wednesday, Feb. 28 at the Virginia Beach General Hospital Health Education Center. The speaker will be Dr. W. Andrew Dickinson. His program will be "Updates in Cardiology." Call 460-4545 for reservations and information.

CLASP (Citizens Loving All Special People) will hold its monthly business meeting Tuesday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Harry and Juanita Baird, 3900 Rumford Ln. All voting members are highly encouraged to attend. All other interested persons are also invited to attend. For further information, call Mike Wasson at 422-0566 or Harry Baird at 486-3110.

PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) will hold its monthly support group meeting at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 3 at the Unitarian Church of Norfolk, 739 Yarmouth St.

Family Services of Tidewater is providing an on-going women's group that meets every Monday morning from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at its Virginia Beach office located at 4456 Corporation Ln., Suite 312. The group explores those thoughts and feelings that are common to all women in and out of the work force, in and out of a relationship or marriage, with or without children. Call 552-1007 for more information.

Education

Thirty girls will vie for the Miss Cox crown March 7 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. Contestants are seniors Leah Davenport, Montique Decre, Lindsay Filz, Michelle Johnson, Jessica Drechel, Nicole Renz, Liz Siuneath, Leigh Starling and Elizabeth Wheeler; juniors Anna Goranson, Karenne Mitchell and Jessica Trujillo; and, sophomore Denise Oliveri.

Tickets for the Key Club sponsored event go on sale March for \$4; cost for a ticket at the door is \$4.50. Key Club uses the proceeds from the event to support area charities.

On Wednesday, March 6, Virginia Beach students and parents are invited to Career Connection, a career and transition information night at Larksprout Middle School. From 6:30 - 8 p.m., middle and high school students and their parents may speak with representatives of more than 100 careers and attend sessions on careers of the future, how to develop a career portfolio, college financial planning, preparing students with disabilities for postsecondary education and accessing the adult learning system. For more information, call Denise Lawson at 426-5724 or Sharon Foster at 427-4425.

The postmaster will be at Arrowhead Elementary School on Feb. 23 at 9:30 a.m. to instate the "We Deliver" In-School Postal Service Program. During an assembly, he will swear the Wee Deliver Employees into office and present each with a certificate. The student who designed the school's stamp will also be honored.

Ocean Lakes Elementary School is participating in Jump Rope for Heart on Wednesday, Feb. 28. This event promotes the health benefits of jumping rope. It also helps raise money to help the American Heart Association.

Parents are invited to join their child's team, the following times for each grade level:

- 9:10 - 9:55 a.m., fifth grade;
- 10 - 10:45 a.m., fourth grade;
- 10:50 - 11:35 a.m., third grade;
- 1:05 - 1:50 p.m., second grade; and,
- 1:55 - 2:40 p.m., first grade.

Government

On Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 4 p.m., the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, a Planning commission subcommittee, will be meeting to discuss development of a draft Comprehensive Plan. They will be meeting in the Planning Department Conference Room on the first floor of the Operations Building. For further information, contact Tom Pauls, Planning Department staff member, at 427-4621.

Health

The Virginia Beach Health Department, in cooperation with the Bow Creek Recreation Center, will be offering "Weight Wise," a behavior change program which focuses on developing healthy eating habits and weight loss.

The program will be offered twice. The first eight-week session will be held on Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. - noon, March 5 through April 23. The second eight-week session will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., March 7 through April 25. Programs will be held at the Bow Creek Recreation Center, 4327 Clubhouse Rd. The cost for each session will receive a recreation center pass. To register for more information, call Sharlene Keeling at 491-5161.

Recreation

Buy exquisite handmade crafts and original pieces or art at the 1996 Spring Festival of Crafts. Meet crafters and artists from across the United States as they display and sell their wares.

Applications are still available to interested crafters and artists. This annual event will be held on Saturday, March 2, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sunday, March 3, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., at the Great Neck Recreation Center, located at 2521 Shorehaven Dr. (off Great Neck Road, adjacent to Cox High School) in Virginia Beach.

Religion

Four-hundred handbell choir member from 36 Virginia Baptist churches will gather Saturday, Feb. 24 at 11:20 a.m. to ring musical selections in unison at the Founders Inn in Virginia Beach. The gala is part of a series of State Handbell Choir Festivals sponsored by the Department of Worship and Church Music Development of the Virginia Baptist General board.

Read all about it!

A SALUTE TO THE MILITARY



SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY. Army Pvt. Nathaniel Wilson of Chesapeake pauses to reflect at a monument honoring U.S. servicemen. Wilson is an infantry scout who joins a 37,000-strong U.S. force supporting South Korea in its defense against North Korea.



FREE TIME. When soldiers aren't busy with their duties in the demilitarized zone of South Korea, touring sites like this temple is a popular pastime. Nathaniel R. Wilson of Chesapeake is assigned to a 37,000-member U.S. force tasked with helping to ensure North Korea doesn't repeat its attacks on South Korea.

Wilson joins U.S. forces in South Korea to help enforce the demilitarized zone

By CLINT WILLIAMS

Military Correspondent

The Demilitarized Zone, South Korea — The son of a Chesapeake woman watches intently as North Korean soldiers bus themselves at seemingly innocent labors in rice paddies adjacent to the river flowing serenely through the DMZ.

But they too are watching — and waiting — as they eye their South Korean brethren, and their U.S. forces allies, with hostility and no small bit of envy.

North Korea knows of the South's growing prosperity and wants nothing more than to possess that wealth and economic clout as their own. Their goal: Reunite the two Koreas under the totalitarian grip of communist president Kim Jong Il.

However, Army Pvt. Nathaniel R. Wilson, son of Terry A. Sanchez of Chesapeake, is assigned to a 37,000-member U.S. force tasked

with helping to ensure North Korea doesn't repeat its unprovoked attack on the South that resulted in millions of deaths and a nearly total destruction of the peninsula during the 1950-53 Korean Conflict.

Wilson, 18, is an infantry scout and a member of the northbound U.S. Army battalion situated in South Korea's defensive line — the Joint Security Area in the Demilitarized Zone. Keeping the peace in the USA hasn't always been easy since the 1953 armistice ended the war.

Forty hostile fire incidents within the sector have cost the lives of Korean soldiers from both sides, along with many American servicemen as well.

Although the duty day has its routine, Wilson said the seriousness of the work definitely keeps him interested.

"My job here in the Joint Security Area is to provide security

and protect the area within the DMZ from North Korean forces trying to infiltrate into the sector.

"We also patrol the area with the South Korean army to assist them in security operations," said Wilson.

Even though the environment in and around the DMZ remains tense and at a constant state of readiness, South Korea boasts a robust economy. Multi-million dollar construction projects, growing urban development and congested highway traffic attest to the nation's emergence from third world poverty to affluence as Asia's fifth largest economic power.

Although Korea's acceleration into a modern state is impressive, the nation's culture contrasts considerably with what Wilson said he's used to.

"Living here in Korea has definitely been an experience. For one thing, it gets really cold here."

Culturally, they're also quite different from us.

"There's a lot of rituals and customs that Koreans do that are formal, but they have a purpose to them, and that's what makes it unique and interesting to be here," said Wilson.

Uncertainty in both the North Korean government and its economy raises a constant question of what the direction the communist regime will take.

Whatever happens, Wilson said, they are ready to stand with South Korea to prevent the north from completely controlling the peninsula.

"I think it's important for us to be here because it helps South Korea remain a free and democratic nation, while keeping the peninsula itself safe and free of war," said Wilson, a 1995 Eureka Springs High School graduate.

Brown receives Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal in New Hampshire

Marine 1st Sgt. Michael A. Brown, son of Deborah Gordon of Portsmouth, recently received his third Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal while serving with United States Marine Corps Recruiting Station Eastern New England, Portsmouth, N.H.

Brown was awarded the medal for his superior performance as supply, logistics and fiscal supervisor. Displaying superb leadership, Brown provided support to more than 75 recruits and meticulously managed an annual budget of more than \$530,000.

Exhibiting exceptional managerial skill, Brown flawlessly performed as one company gunnery sergeant, providing astute leadership and guidance to assigned personnel. Additionally, he earned the reputation for being one of the best supply supervisors in the 1st Mar-

ine Corps District.

Due to Brown's leadership qualities and precise accounting methods, his command was able to concentrate on recruiting efforts. Brown's superb performance was essential to Recruiting Station Eastern New England earning the Commandant's Superior Achiever Award for 1994.

With a third Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Brown demonstrates his ability to excel in serving on the Navy-Marine Corps team. Whether assigned to ships, squadrons or shore commands around the world, men and women like Brown are making a difference

as they work to improve their knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

Brown recently was promoted and

now serves as the recruiting station's First Sergeant. The 1976 graduate of Churchland High School joined the Marine Corps in June 1976.



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